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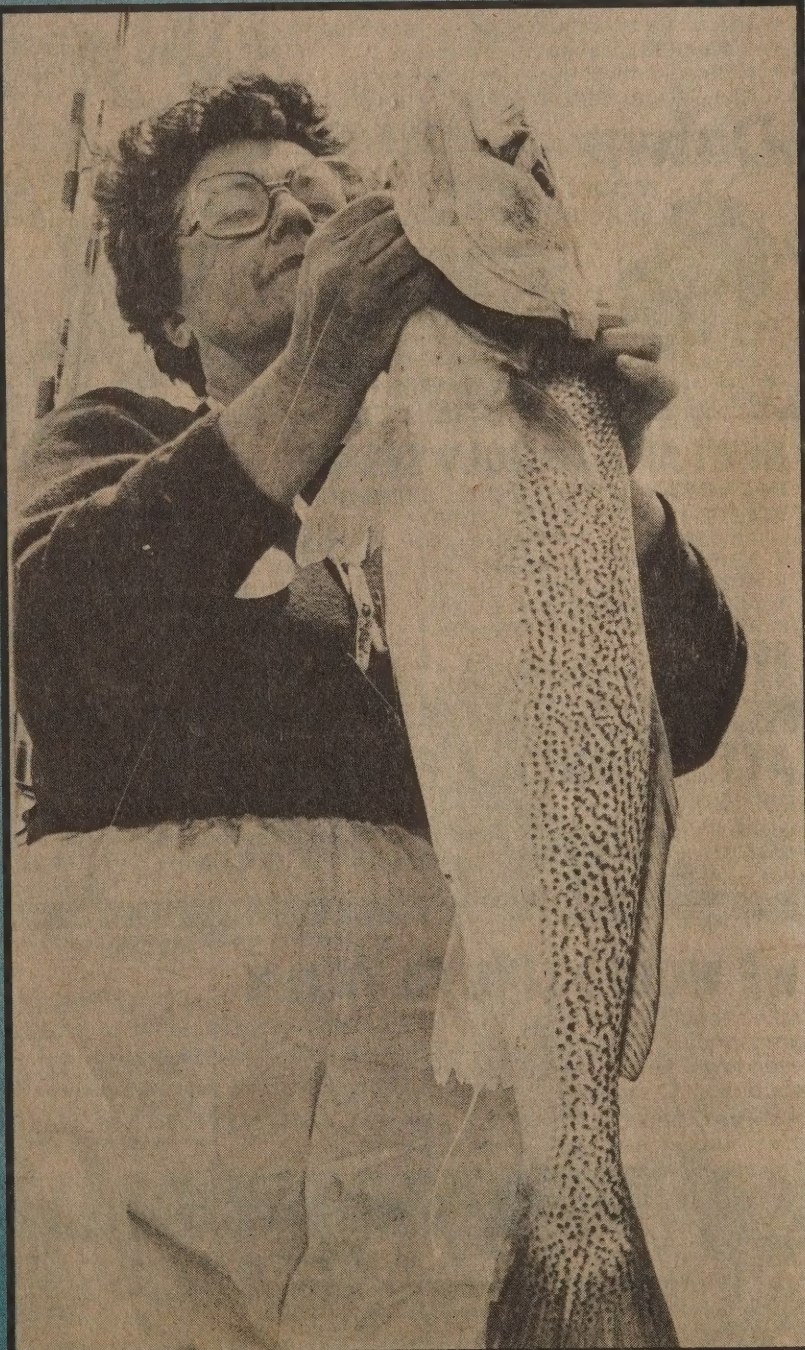
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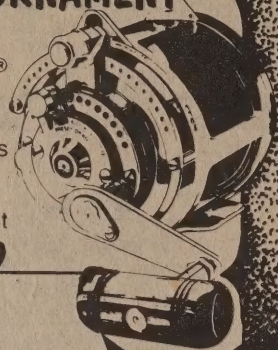
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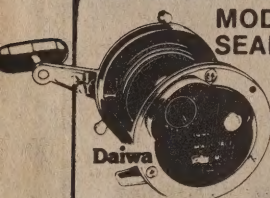
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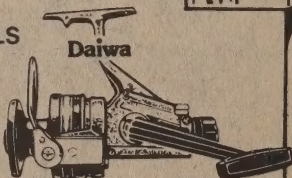
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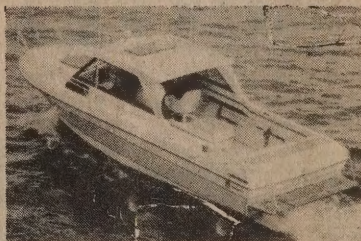
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Re-authorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act is an issue of vital importance to Long Island. This law establishes a federal-state-local planning program to balance preservation of coastal natural resources with certain development efforts. The Coastal Zone Act has been an essential tool in revitalizing Long Island's waterfronts and expanding its commercial fishing industry.

With its many rivers and lakes, and miles of ocean coastal area, New York is the fourth largest coastal state. In FY 1984, the State received \$1.6 million to enforce coastal environmental programs, including regulations on tidal wetlands and coastal erosion. Currently, the federal government contributes 80 percent of the cost of implementing state coastal zone plans.

One of the most important provisions of the law requires all federal activities affecting coastal zones to be consistent with state plans as much as is practical. The consistency clause is a critical aspect of the coastal zone program because it protects the states from federal interference which could be detrimental to the environment or wildlife. For example, the Coastal Zone Management Act was instrumental last year in saving the undeveloped Montauk Air Base from being sold by the Department of Defense as surplus land. However, the consistency provision is likely to be an issue of intense Congressional debate.

The program is scheduled to expire September 30, 1985. Under its FY 1986 budget plan, the Administration has proposed to eliminate grants to states to implement coastal management efforts. However, I believe the coastal zone program has proven its

worth in meeting local needs and in protecting national interests as well. This landmark law has helped ensure that coastal areas are used wisely. The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee has jurisdiction over this matter, and hearings are already under way at the subcommittee level. As Ranking Minority Member on the Committee, I'll be working to see that this vital program continues.

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It was a usual January morning to the Smith's Point County Park and the seagulls, but to a small group of men it meant the start of a three month fight with Mother Nature for a two mile stretch of Smith Point Beach. The men were unloading some of the food and equipment that would be used to support the volunteers who would arrive at eight o'clock. This was the start of another Operation Christmas Tree.

The principal players in this yearly operation are L.I.B.B.A., the 42nd Maintenance Battalion Company F Riverhead National Guard, the Boy Scouts of America, and various other volunteer groups. Ed Wissenbach, director of Operation Christmas Tree for L.I.B.B.A. and Thomas Downs, Suffolk County Parks Supervisor for Smith Point County Park said "The Christmas trees gathered this year will be used to rebuild a two mile section of dune line which was washed out during several severe storms this past summer and fall." Most heavily damaged areas are west of the two mile marker. This year's operation started in below zero conditions and ended with temps in the 70s. It was the longest and largest ever because of the extensive beach damage.

As usual the National Guard assisted by supplying heaters and 2 1/2 ton all-wheel drive trucks for moving the large number of trees down the beach. The County Parks Commissioner John Chester supplied the snow fence, a bull dozer, and use of the main pavilion. This facilitated the loading of trees on trucks and more

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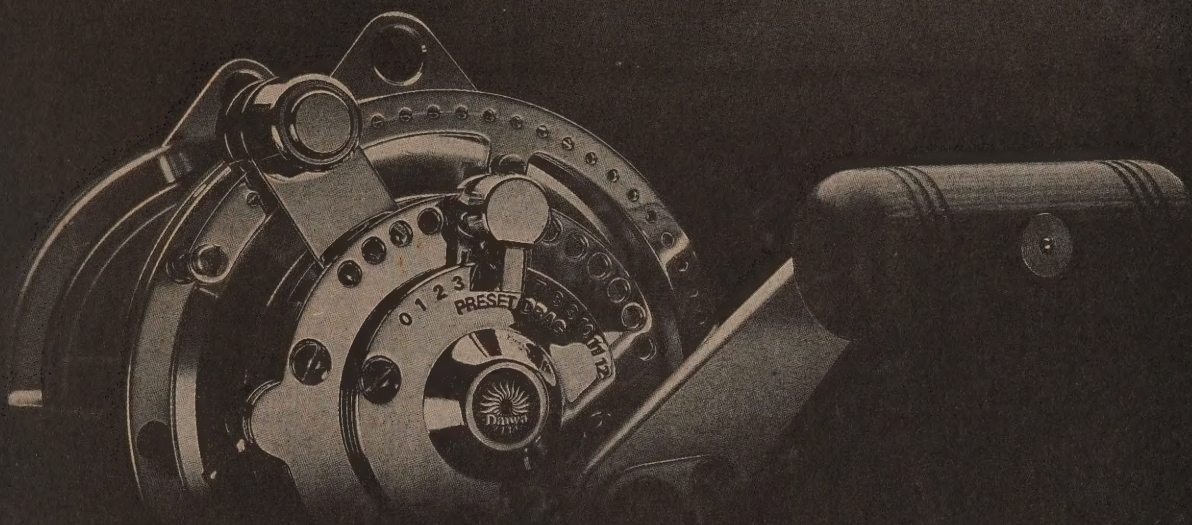


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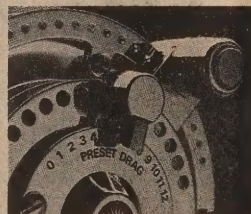
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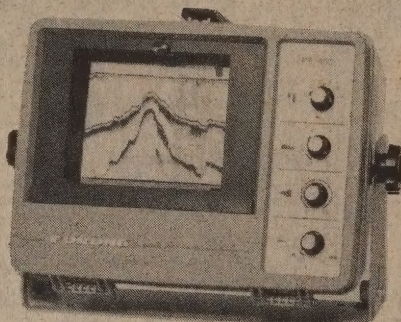


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Everyone now hopes the sand will continue to collect around the snow fence as it did during the operation. Ed and Tom said "At the start of this project there was four feet of fence visible, now there's only a few inches." We will just have to wait and see, but this year's operation should be yet another success.

NEW DIMENSION TO GREAT LAKES FISHING

An experimental program expected to add a new dimension to New York's outstanding Great Lakes sport fishery was recently announced by New York's Department of Environmental Conservation.

"New York has been able to obtain 160,000 Skamania strain steelhead eggs from Michigan and Indiana for rearing at the Salmon River Hatchery in Altmar and eventual stocking in Lakes Ontario and Erie," said DEC Commissioner Henry Williams. "In exchange, we've shipped walleye eggs to Indiana to help them with their walleye program," he said.

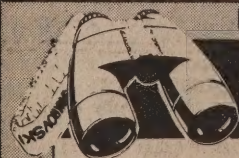
"We hope Skamania will complement our existing Great Lakes trout and salmon fisheries by providing a spring and summer near-shore troll fishery and a late summer stream fishery," Williams said. "This strain has greatly expanded the lake-troll fishery for steelhead in Michigan and Indiana waters of Lake Michigan, and we anticipate similar results in New York's Great Lakes."

Mature Skamanias will enter tributaries in late August or early September and provide a stream fishery when other trout and salmon are still out in the lake. Fishermen who have caught Skamanias in other waters have been very impressed with the fish's acrobatics and fighting ability. Most of the adult fish weigh 10 to 12 pounds, but some fish will go to 20 pounds.

The Skamania eggs now at Altmar are starting to hatch and will not be ready for stocking until the spring of 1986. These fish will produce a lake fishery during 1987, however, the major run of adult fish back to tributaries will take place during the summer of 1988.

"One of the problems in the Skamania program," said Williams, "is that the adult fish have to be collected during the summer when they are running and then held as adult fish at the hatchery until they are ready to spawn in February."

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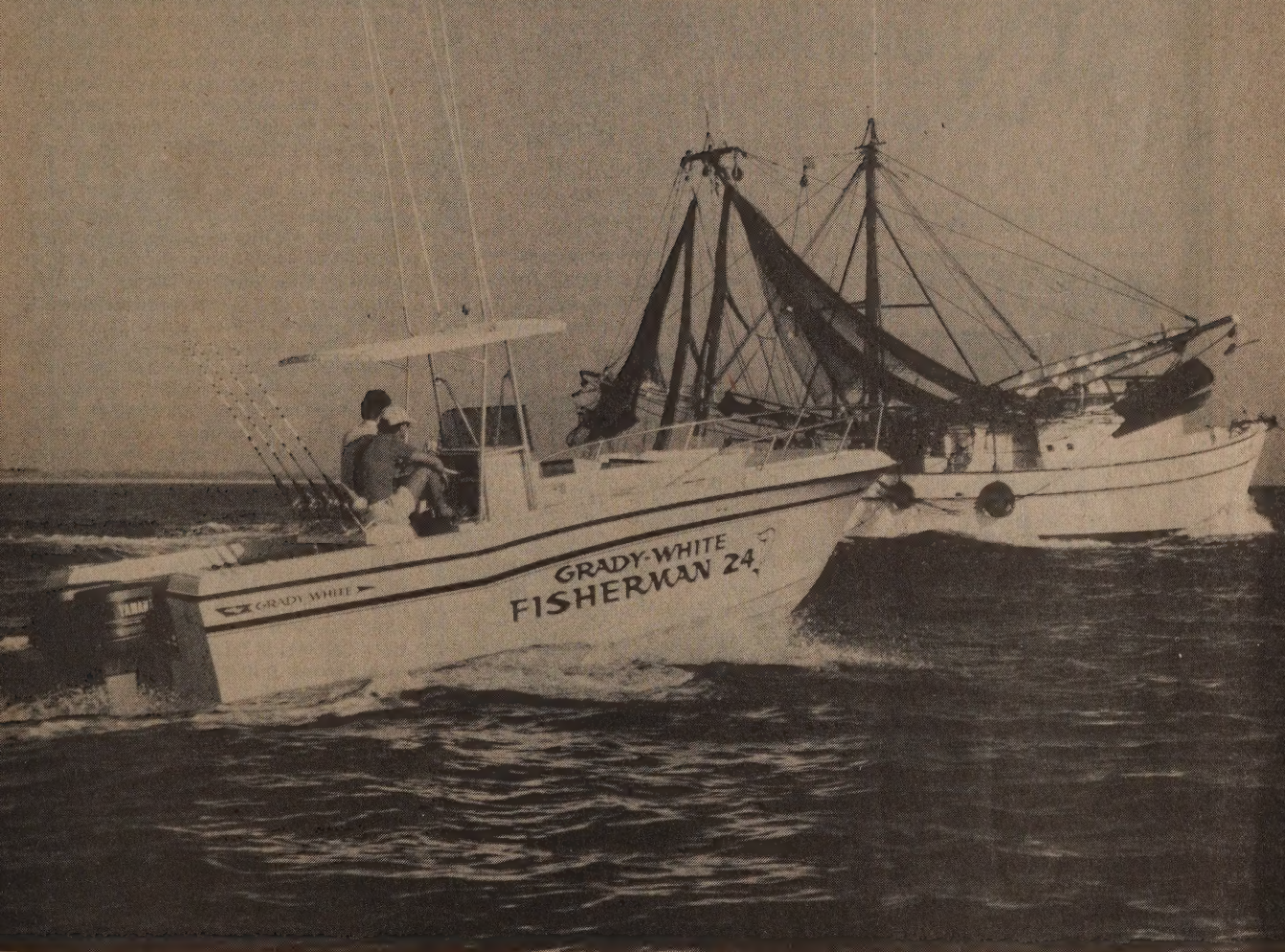
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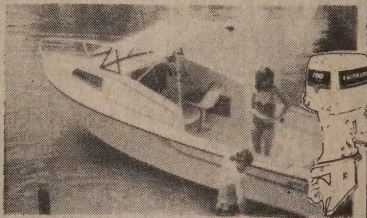
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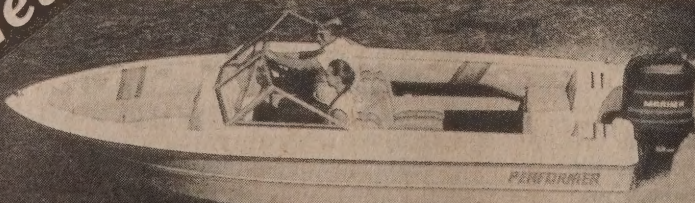
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From the design standpoint, Vigil RM Radar offers modular construction with a 9 inch monochrome, high resolution, raster-scan monitor and a central electronics module (CEM) which can be installed separately for better use of space.

A user-friendly, remote-control infrared keyboard features touch button control and a variety of built-in "big ship" features, including an Electronic Bearing Maker, Variable Range Markers, heading marker, range rings and controls to adjust for rain and sea clutter. The keyboard also has seven different range selections (1/4 to 16 miles) and controls for tracking targets, adjusting and holding images. All instructions from the keyboard appear in graphic form on the monitor which provides a raster-scan resolution, television-type image ideal for direct viewing in daylight.

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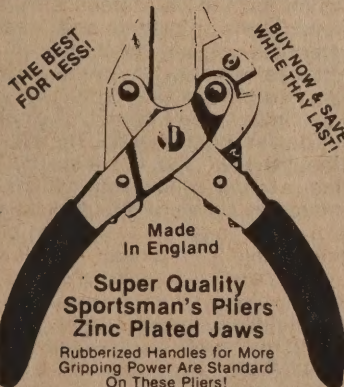
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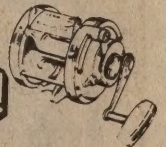
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BOATS FOR ANGLERS:

TOPAZ 29

by Pete Barrett

Nestled in the upper reaches of Chesapeake Bay, Topaz Marine has been quietly but dynamically going about the business of building top rated fishing boats. Pat Patteson, owner of the company has developed the building of 29 to 38 foot sport fishing boats into a fine art.

To say the boats are successful is an understatement. Topaz designs have spawned a large fleet of similar boats from all the major boat companies and Patteson's innovative ideas have set the pace for other manufacturers to follow.

The 29 Topaz is an updated version of an earlier model. The old 28 footer was a popular boat, but Pat saw many ways to improve the hull design, gain cabin space and add in several extra features. The result is the Topaz 29.

It is available in two versions: the Sportfisherman with a full stand-up cabin, and the Sport with a smaller cabin but more deck space for fishing.

Both hulls are identical with a sharp 34 degree entry forward to cut through heavy seas, tapering to 23 degrees at the transom. The hull is famous for its fuel efficient design and it is common for diesel powered 29s to average around 10 gallons an hour or less for long distance canyon trips. The diesel boats will cruise at 22 to 25 knots, while the gas engined 29s will run from 27 to 30 knots.

Cockpit area is large for a boat of this size. There is room for not only a fight chair but also for coolers on deck to hold fish. While some boats in this size range skimp in the cockpit area, Topaz has provided plenty of

room for not only the angler but also the leader man and gaffer/tagger, plus room for one or two observing fishing buddies.

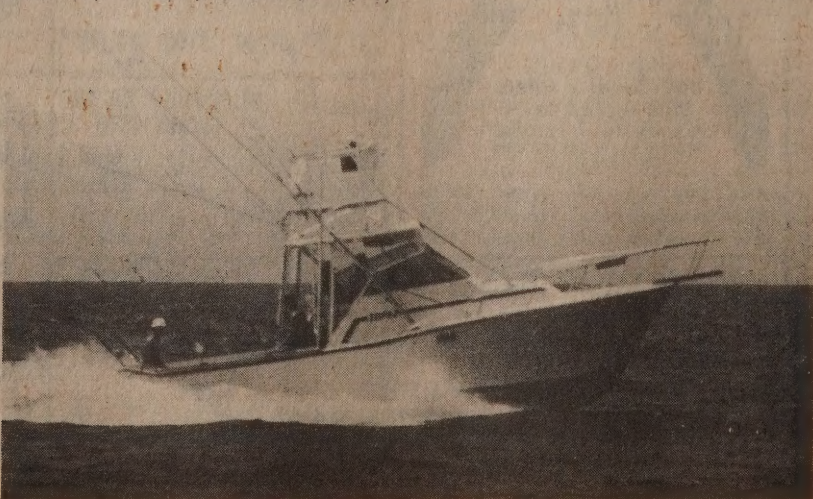
A fish box is built into the deck forward of the fight chair position. Beneath the fish box is wide access to the transmissions, shafts, stuffing boxes and rear engine mounts. Access to the steering controls and aft bilge pump is through a wide hatch just aft of the chair.

Moving forward from the cockpit there's a short step up to the helm deck. Most of this deck is hinged for complete access to the engines in case of major service or overhaul. A smaller center hatch opens to provide routine service and checking of oil level, coolant level and general inspection of the below deck spaces.

In the 29 Sport this helm deck continues about 1½ feet more forward than in the Sportfisherman model. This gives the Sport more helm deck space and a corresponding increase in below decks space for fishing gear, life jackets, generator, additional fuel tank or water tank if needed. Access to this compartment is via a hatch between the helm station and the passenger seat.

Storage compartments are built into the bulkheads at each side of the helm deck. Covered with smoked plexiglass sliding doors they will keep gear reasonably dry even while hosing down the boat after a fishing trip.

In both models entry to the cabin is through a hinged bi-folding teak door that swings out of the way. The Sport has a smaller cabin with a lower overhead but stand-up space is available



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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I have a rather old spinning reel that is not working like it did when it was new. The drag is still good and the clicker keeps the spool from turning backward, but when I crank in line the spool kind of binds as the handle is turned to pick up line. This gets a little aggravating especially when I'm attempting to work a lure slowly or with a slow but steady retrieve.

What's the solution, if any? I really like the old reel more than many of my newer models.

G. Silvers.

Dear G. Silvers:

You may have more of a problem than you think. Sounds to me like you have a bent main shaft. This is the shaft that runs from the main gearing to the spool and if it is bent, there is not much you can do but replace it. If the reel is an older, out of production model, you might not be able to find a replacement part and you'll have to discard the reel.

I'd try spraying the shaft with WD-40 or any of the sprays that have similar chemical ingredients. It might be a touch of rust on the shaft that's causing it to bind.

Some reels also have a small sleeve that fits over the shaft and keeps it from coming into contact with the reel housing. This sleeve could have a salt build-up that's causing it to bind against the shaft and that, too, will cause the reel to feel "bumpy" as you crank the handle.

Most tackle shops offer reel repair. If you can't stop the reel from binding, you might want to give one of the shops in your area a shot at fixing it. You may spend a couple of bucks but in the process will save your reel from the trash heap!

Dear Doc,

Last year I spent a lot of money buying a selection of metal trolling lures and already they look like they've been through a major war. The hooks are tarnished, the spoons themselves have a lot of nicks and much of the original shine has vanished. I did my best to keep the lures in good shape. After each trip I washed them with fresh water from a dock-side hose and stored them in my tackle box on the boat.

From the looks of those lures my work was a waste of time and if there

is nothing I can do to lengthen the life of my lures, I can't see any reason to go through a lot of extra effort.

Andre Johnson.

Dear Andre,

Lures will show the effects of use no matter what you do. That's why tackle shops keep their shelves stocked with row upon row of new lures.

Salt water is not kind to metal lures. Corrosion is an ever present problem; toothy critters like blues, bonito and other predators will cause nicks and scratches and once the finish is abraded, salt water will begin to do its job on the finish.

You are correct in washing the metals after each use. But, you may be adding to the problem by storing your lures in a closed tackle box after you've gone to the trouble of washing them. I suggest you continue to wash the lures but before putting them away make sure they are completely dry.

You can replace those tarnished hooks. Most tackle shops keep a selection of replacement hooks in stock and for a minimal cash outlay you can change the hooks on a dozen lures.

We don't spend too much time washing or waxing our boat, but we do take plenty of time with our tackle. Lures are washed, dried and stored after each trip. Hooks are replaced at the first sign of wear or corrosion and split rings receive the same treatment for they, too, will rust or corrode after extended use. It is a time-consuming job, but will add to tackle life and may even help increase your catch of fish.

Dear Doc,

I have a problem that I can't seem to work out by myself. Every time I troll for blues with my monofilament line outfits, I get a serious case of line twist. The line actually winds back on itself once I take the pressure off the rod and try to crank in the line and trolling lure. Why is this happening and what can I do to prevent its continuing? I am really getting sick and tired of buying new line after each trolling trip.

John Disbrow.

Dear John,

Everyone I've known who trolled with mono line and a lure that spins has had the same problem. That's

why some smart tackle manufacturer invented the ball bearing swivel. What's happening is your lure is spinning, but the line is remaining stationary. With each successive spin of the lure you get one twist in your line and after a short period of trolling you have a serious line twist situation.

Try rigging your lures on short leaders and attach the end of the leader to your trolling line with a good quality ball bearing swivel. If this does not resolve the problem, try adding a ball bearing swivel at the lure and a second B.B. swivel at the line/leader connection.

We also use a lot of Bead Chain to keep our lines from twisting. This really helps when running bunker spoons, squid spoons or other lures which do a lot of spinning as they are dragged through the water.

Those less expensive snap swivels without ball bearings just don't make it when you are trolling, so keep them in the tackle box for use when you are drift fishing or when you're trolling a non-spinning type of lure.

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Dear Doc,

I have a few simple questions to ask you about surf fishing. You mentioned in your April 11th column that some two-piece rods are better than one-piece. Please let me know what would be the best rod for the surf. Also, a good jetty stick combo and finally, the names of some good surf and jetty books and where I can get them.

Michael Brazinski.

Dear Michael,

I can't recommend one specific brand above another. I do suggest you visit one of the local tackle shops and browse through their fishing rod display. If that does not produce the kind of rod you want you might check the tackle company catalogs. Several very good companies do market a line of two-piece rods and competitive prices.

You should be able to get by with a jetty rod that measures no more than 8 to 9 feet from tip to butt. This will give you all the casting distance you'll need to catch weaks, blues or striped bass and it is still not too long for some bottom fishing for tautog or fluke.

Surf and jetty fishing does not get a lot of ink from most of today's writers. There are few books on the subject but one that is worth reading is "Surf Fishing With The Experts," by Richard Reina and William Muller. It is available through The Fisherman, P.O. Box 1994, Sag Harbor, NY 11963, at \$12.95 plus \$2.25 postage and handling.

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FUN WITH PERCH

by Matt Ahern

Our resident sinker bouncer shares another side of his love affair with fishing.

No, I'm not about to change my spots. No matter how enjoyable freshwater fishing can be—and it certainly can be that—it will never cause me to give up the briny. But I have done quite a bit of freshwater fishing over the years and it holds a warm spot in my fishing heart.

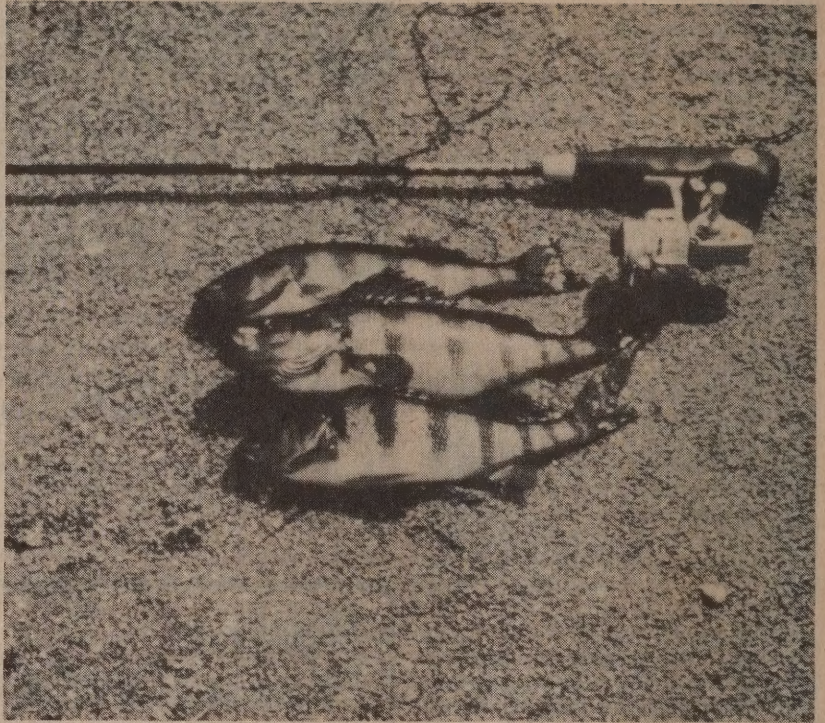
As does every freshwater fisherman who puts in the time and effort, I have caught my share of small and largemouth bass, pickerel, whitefish, brook trout and one lake trout. I wouldn't for a moment decry the glorious sport to be had with these fish, but for all around action, the sink-the-boat-with-fish type of action, nothing beats panfishing—long called and with good reason, America's favorite fishing. And I guess it is.

While we saltwater fishermen along the East, Gulf, and Pacific Coasts number in the millions, those who follow the lure of streams, rivers, lakes and ponds, are counted in the tens of millions.

There can be no doubt that the majority of these tens of millions seek panfish, so called because they are just that: pan-sized, averaging about three to the pound. However, I've caught many a two pound bullhead, and pound-and-a-half perch—both white and yellow. Lakes and ponds, streams and rivers throughout New York, New Jersey, and New England can be counted upon to contain black, yellow and brown bullheads (catfish), common sunfish, bluegill sunfish, black and white crappies, rock bass and, of course, yellow and white perch.

My favorite of all panfish is the yellow perch. Not because it is such a willing biter—all panfish seem to be; but there is something about this fish that appeals to me. Certainly, it is a handsome creature. Its racy body, yellowish sides and jet black bars, orange-red fins, and beautifully proportioned tail, make it most attractive to all fishermen.

The average size of a yellow perch is not great. The largest recorded weighed 4½ pounds and was caught in 1865 by a Dr. C.C. Abbott while fishing the Delaware River. The fact that this weight has stood the test of time for over 100 years is mute testimony that yellow perch are not gargantuan. (There is a perch in the Nile River called, appropriately enough, the Nile perch which attains the weight of 500 pounds. Phew!—that's some perch!)



The lightest spinning tackle available is ideal for these scrappy little panfish.

Some local lakes do contain yellow perch in the two and three pound class. Lake Ronkonkoma here on Long Island is said to hold such fish; perhaps so, but I've never caught one or seen one this size taken from there. In fact, in all my wanderings I can't recall seeing yellow perch over two pounds in any lake I've fished.

At one time while I was going through basic training in the New Mexican desert during World War II, I did see some freshwater fishing in Elephant Butte lake south of Albuquerque. I caught many 10 and 12 pound largemouth black bass while plug casting from shore (these are southern black bass and should not be confused with those we catch up north); and I caught washtubs full of two and three pound rainbow trout on salmon eggs in the Rio Grande and Pecos River (these trout were as thick as bergalls—I kid you not), but what few yellow perch I caught were no larger than those back home.

So, so much for outsized yellow perch. Get a 12 inch and you've got a good one.

The key to enjoying the best sport

with these scrappy fish is to use a **light** spinning rod and matching reel filled with two to four pound monofilament line. There are many ways to rig and the most popular method is to use a bobber as one might when snapper fishing. But if **you** want your share of these fish, don't you dare rig this way!

Here's the reason. Except for early spring and when fishing through the ice in winter, you will always find the largest concentrations and the biggest yellow perch in the deepest part of the lake or pond, up to and including the 50 foot depths. To rig with a bobber in summer over these deep areas is the height of foolishness. And to rig with a bobber in summer while shore fishing will only produce small fish. What you've got to do is get down to the feeding fish. Here's how to do it.

Tie a #10 snap swivel at the end of your line, then put on a 1/4 ounce dipsey sinker. These are those bell-shaped weights with the brass eye. This is all the lead you need in a pond or lake. About 20 inches above the sinker form a two inch loop made with a double-overhand knot. Then take a

plain unsnelled regular shanked #6 Sproat hook and feed the loop through the hook eye and bring the end over the hook and snub tightly against the shank.

Put on a one inch piece of night crawler, or common garden worm and lower it to the bottom. If you don't catch yellow perch or other panfish with this rig, I'll take up golf. It never fails. This is my own innovation and I've never seen it in use by anyone else, but you're welcome to it.

You will find that yellow perch are roamers of the lake. Here today, gone tomorrow. Sometimes they will quit biting after a half-hour of frantic fishing. Don't fret. There are plenty more close by. Move away from the area and anchor over a weed bed. There you will find more. Always.

If you wish, you can troll, or if the day is windy, you can drift, using a bright, double-bladed spinner, a #2 Carlisle hook, and a bit of night crawler until another school is located. You won't have to troll or drift far before there's action. Don't be surprised should you deck a pickerel with this method. These fish will hit anything that moves. Watch those wicked pickerel teeth when unhooking.

Live freshwater minnows are great perch bait, too. If you intend using them, it is necessary to modify your rig. Use the snap swivel and sinker as before, but this time dispense with the high hook and instead use a #6 **snelled** Sproat. Place this on the snap, along with the sinker. Hook the minnow through both lips or **lightly** through the back. Be careful. A crippled or dead minnow will not produce. (If you're all thumbs when doing this, substitute a #6 Aberdeen hook for the Sproat. This is a light-wire hook made expressly for live bait fishing.)

Use one or two small split shots and lower the rig to just above the top of any weed bed and allow the perch time to move off with the bait before setting the hook. Most of your larger fish will be caught by this method. No bobber is required and should never be used if you want your share of the fish. Just feed line from the reel as the fish swims off. Wait until the perch turns the minnow around in its mouth before setting the hook. I think the necessary stealth required to do this without alerting the fish is just as much fun as the catching.

Most panfishing areas have no size or bag limit. These fish are so prolific the more you catch, the better the fishing becomes. Some localities do put a catch limit on yellow perch for special reasons of their own, so it will behoove you to check the fish and game law booklet or syllabus given to you when applying for a license. Unless you are a youngster (under 16 years of age), you are required to have a license, and ignorance of the law is not honored as an excuse.

Keep yellow perch fishing in mind. It's a lot of fun and there are few salt-water fish that can compare with pan-fried yellow perch filets. Umm, good!

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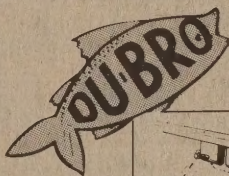
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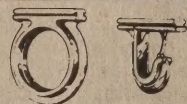
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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

THE SAN DIEGO

by John Raguso

The San Diego, lying approximately 7½ nautical miles south of Great South Beach on a line with Sayville, Long Island, is one of the south shore's most heavily trafficked wrecks. Its proximity to the beach (on a clear day the shoreline's silhouette is distinctly visible), in addition to being only a short skip from one of the New York Bight's busiest inlets (Fire Island), makes this wreck a natural for visits from many various types of fishing craft ranging from the 17 foot center consoles, all the way up to 50 foot Sportfishermen. Indeed, the San Diego, due to its enormous size and relatively intact steel hull construction, makes an ideal objective for virgin or novice wreck fishermen to sharpen their navigational and an-

choring skills, since she rests only 13.5 nautical miles East/Southeast from Fire Island's Democrat Point in 97 feet of water.

Let's take a step back in time to understand the all-too-brief history of this great warship and recount the events which determined her destiny to rest in a watery grave on the 15 fathom curve that parallels the Island's south shore.

The San Diego was built at the Union Iron Works in Francisco in 1903 as an armored heavy cruiser and was originally named the California. She was commissioned in 1907 and her length was 503 feet with a displacement of 13,680 tons. Her twin 18' diameter screws gave her a top speed of 22 knots and this four-stacked war-

ship's firepower was quite formidable. Her armament consisted of 18 three inch guns in side turrets, 14, six-inch guns in side turrets, a main battery of four, 8-inch guns, in addition to three torpedo tubes. This white-painted cruiser was the pride of President Teddy Roosevelt's "Great White Fleet." As a result of a change in the Navy's nomenclature system for capital ships, the California officially was renamed the San Diego on September 1, 1914. Her peacetime complement was 829 officers and men, but her crew was augmented by 360 men early in 1917 as war approached to bring her total close to 1200.

The San Diego was ordered to the East Coast and joined Cruiser Division 2, whose duty was to escort convoys on the first leg of their hazardous journey of shipping war supplies to the European front. Even though German U-Boats were frequently spotted in Long Island and New Jersey coastal water and had sunk 25 ships during May and June of 1918 alone, the San Diego had a perfect track record of shepherding her flocks of freighters, tankers and steamships safely to their destinations.

On July 19, 1918, the big white cruiser, bound from Portsmouth, N.H. to New York Harbor, entered the waters south of Long Island. A little after 11AM, the ship was rocked by an ear-shattering explosion which tore a huge hole on the port side, abaft the beam and this was quickly followed by two other, equally devastating blasts. As crew members scurried to their battle stations under a general quarters alert, some of the gunners who claimed they saw the periscope of a submarine, opened fire with their 3 inch and 6 inch batteries at anything that even remotely looked like a shadow in the water. One gun crew even claimed that a shot had hit home and destroyed the undersea craft.

The captain called for full speed ahead, and although the port engine was disabled, the starboard engine was making full turns as the San Diego limped north towards the Fire Island beach in an attempt to save the ship. It was all for naught, because the cruiser filled up with water rapidly, turned belly-up and sank

THE SAN DIEGO

Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: July 19, 1918

Length: 503 feet

Beam: 69.5 feet

Weight: 13,680 gross tons

Hull Position: Intact, keel up, smoke stacks buried in sand

Bow Attitude: 20 degrees (approximate)

Stern Attitude: 200 degrees (approximate)

Depth of Water: 97 feet

Depth Over Wreck: 53 to 65 feet

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Rockaway Inlet	42.5	103°	283°
Sandy Hook Point	45.5	098°	278°
Shark River Inlet	50.0	078°	258°
Manasquan Inlet	53.0	073°	253°

within 25 minutes of the first explosion. In the best naval tradition, Captain H.H. Christy was the last man to leave the ship, and as he jumped overboard wearing only a life jacket, the surviving crew members cheered and sang the national anthem as their former vessel slipped beneath the waves. There was a scare as three steamships converged on the scene to rescue those who were either adrift in lifeboats or clinging to rafts or lumber while in the water. The Steamer Bossom, who rescued 708 of the San Diego's crew, had passed over a school of about 20 sharks that were feeding on a dead whale's carcass while en route to the disaster area. According to a New York Times report, Captain James F. Brewer, master of the rescue boat stated, "The sight gave me a scare, for I was afraid they were after the men in the water, but I was told that no sharks had been seen by them."

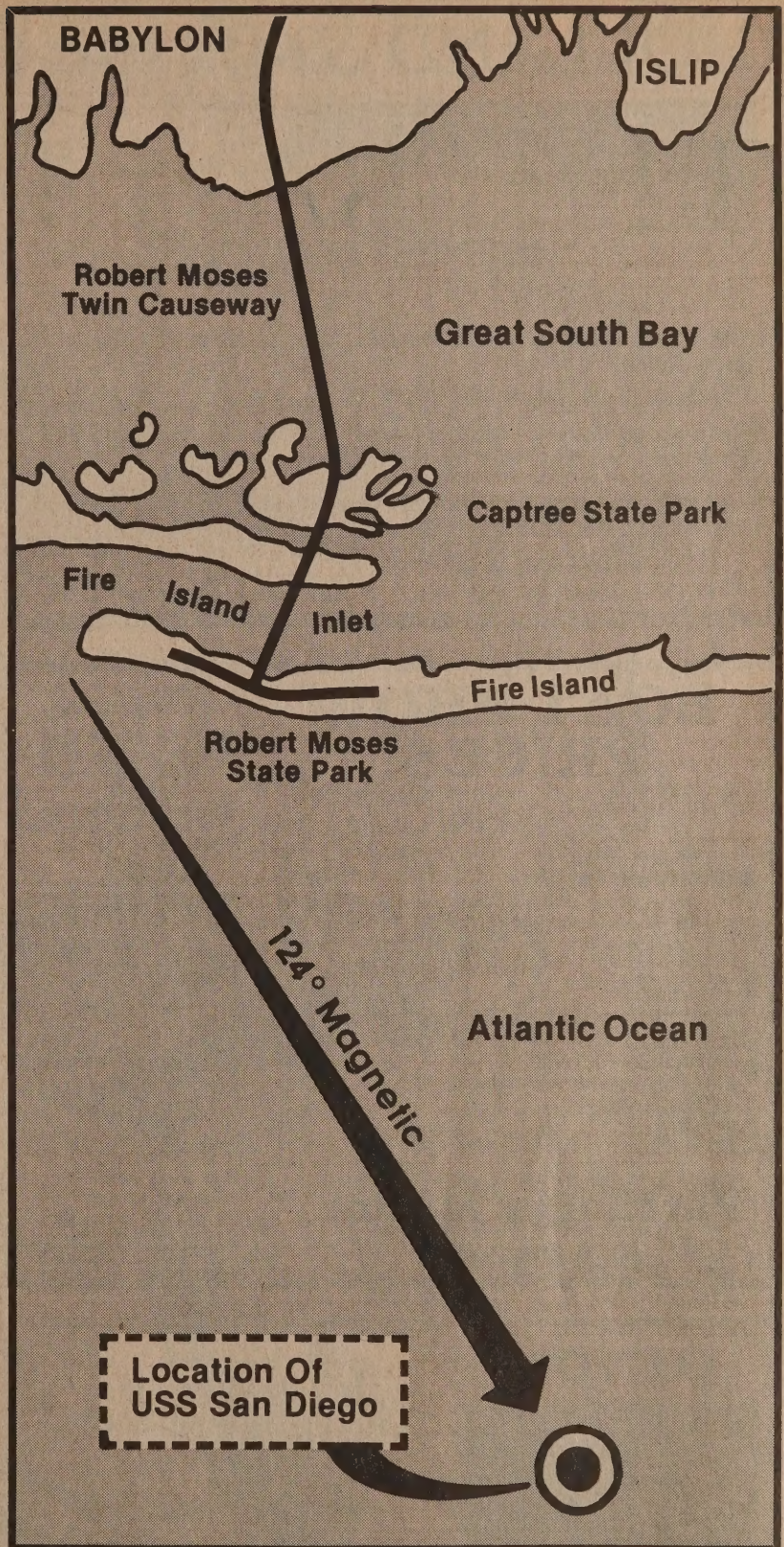
"It was a great sight on board my ship after I had started again for New York with my 708 new passengers. Some of the boys had shed all their clothes and those who had more than enough to cover them divided with those who had none. One of the officers was wearing two shirts, one where it should be and the other as makeshift trousers. Fortunately, I had plenty of food on board, and the boys turned to and helped the steward get a meal together."

A seaman survivor of the San Diego who was working on the forward twin 8" gun turret when the explosions took place, gave the following eyewitness account of the cruiser's last minutes:

"I was working on a gun in the forward turret at about 11AM, when I suddenly heard a terrific explosion which shook the ship. Immediately the ship started to list to port, and Captain Christy was on the bridge shouting orders."

"Guns were being fired from all sides of the ship, and I could hear the boys shouting that they had made a hit. They fired at most any object that met their eyes, under the impression that it was a submarine. This kept up for about 10 minutes, the ship continuing to list steadily but slowly. Then Captain Christy called out from the bridge, 'All hands abandon ship.' The old girl went down fighting."

Initial unofficial casualty reports had indicated that anywhere from 40 to 50 men went down to their deaths on the San Diego. This uncertainty was due to the excess complement of wartime crew, plus the fact that three different boats took survivors from the water, while two of the cruiser's dinghies with 27 men aboard made it all the way to the Fire Island life-saving station in Point 'O Woods. The official death count was finalized at six, some of whom were killed in the engine room by the initial explosion and a few who were struck by one of the ship's four smokestacks as it toppled from its mounting due to the blast.



There was also some confusion as to what caused the San Diego's demise, the three most popular theories being a U-Boat's torpedo, a mine laid out by a U-Boat or German surface raider, or an internal explosion due to a faulty boiler. Captain

Christy had subscribed to the torpedo theory in his final log entry, but was later overruled by a Navy fact finding committee which decided that the first explosion was caused by a German contact mine, the second by

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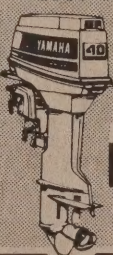
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the ship's boiler rupturing on the port side, and the third blast due to the ship's magazine going off. Supporting the official US Navy explanation, six mines were found floating the next day in the general area of the San Diego's sinking and the German Sub U-56 confirmed that she had put down a pattern of contact mines in the path that she suspected the San Diego would take in her journey to New York Harbor.

Taking a look at the San Diego from a fish-catching perspective, her resting place on the 15 fathom curve affords many possibilities based on time of the year, water temperature and bait supplies. As I mentioned earlier, this is one busy wreck that gets attention not only from fishermen, but scuba diving clubs as well. Some dive boats make a living taking anxious treasure hunters and adventure seekers to this rusting hulk, and a few years ago, some of these folks even brought home some live six inch artillery shells from the San Diego's armory. The authorities got wind of this and the projectiles were confiscated. The Coast Guard also declared this wreck to be temporarily "off limits" until a group of Navy divers could be sent to the scene to dispose of any other shells that might have been laying around.

Even though this area sometimes rivals Grand Central Station as far as commuter traffic, it does also support a healthy population of various fin-fish. Blues can be taken from here with a high degree of regularity throughout the summer and fall months. Cod, blackfish and Texas-sized sea bass are taken in season, and this area also supports a mix of bonito, skipjack tuna, false albacore, school bluefin and yellowfin tuna, dolphin and even a few stray mako sharks when the water temperatures and concentrations of baitfish are at optimum levels. Two Septembers ago, we were chasing down a mixed school of skippies and dolphin near this wreck that were breaking water. We had picked up a few of each on cedar jigs when we spotted a center console craft drifting about 600 yards west of our position. Approaching him from his upwind beam, we pulled alongside and inquired if he was having any luck with the footballs. He replied that he had just broken off a 200 lb. class mako and had spotted two others roaming through his chum slick. We were a bit skeptical about his report, but became convinced of its veracity when one of the makos cruised past our transom as it circled his boat, gobbling up bits of chum.

So give the San Diego a shot this summer and if you hit the old girl on a quiet day, you might be surprised at what will come in on the business end of your line. The final section includes a summary of the San Diego's vital data. Next week we'll take a ride to the Jersey side of the Mud Hole and cover the by-product of an early 60s maritime disaster: the wreck of the Norwegian ship Stolt Dagali.

FRED'S FISH FACTS

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GUARDINEER

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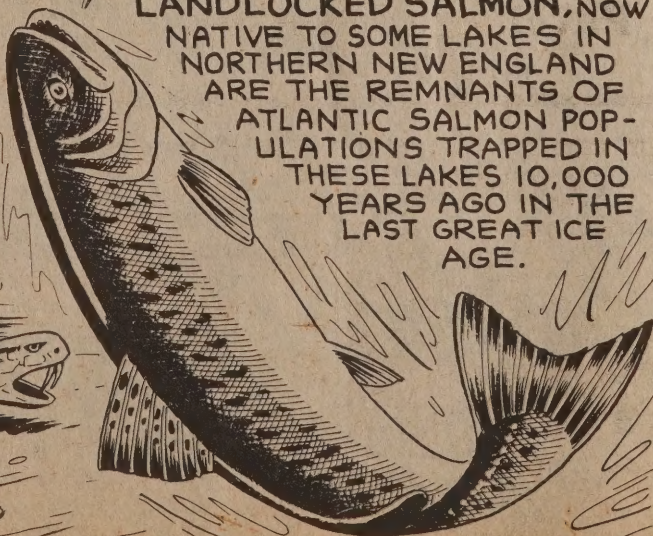
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JAMAICA BAY "TOG"

by Terry Maltese

Often overlooked, Jamaica Bay's resident blacks require a unique approach if you're to score regularly.

Fishing for blackfish in Jamaica Bay is not like fishing for blackfish elsewhere. Oddly enough, it is very often like fishing for flounder. This may sound a bit strange, but read on and you will understand.

First, let me explain how I came across this type of fishing. It was late spring and we were taking one last shot at the Jamaica Bay flounder population. We were in Silver Hole, where we do most of our flounder fishing. We had been getting plenty of hits, but none resulted in any fish in the box. We knew they weren't flounder, but we didn't know who the culprits were either.

Finally, my partner set the hook on one and it turned out to be a blackfish. We gradually developed a better feel for setting the hook and wound up with 25 blackfish. Not bad considering we were using mussels and sandworms on flounder hooks.

The next day we returned with crabs and blackfish hooks. I continued using my heaviest flounder rod, instead of one of my blackfish rods, because heavy sinkers weren't necessary and all of the fish were under 5 lbs. Now that we had blackfish hooks and "blackfish baits," we would do even better than the day before. Wrong!

My boat isn't exactly loaded with modern electronics, so I just assumed I wasn't on the right spot. Before moving, I rigged up another rod with flounder hooks and baited them with mussels. The sinker barely hit bottom when a blackfish hit. What was wrong with these blackfish? They were striking "flounder baits" on flounder hooks. We caught more blackfish on flounder hooks baited with mussels and worms than we did on blackfish hooks baited with crabs.

Jamaica Bay blackfish don't always act like flounder, so be equipped for each situation. Bring along short shank flounder hooks and small Virginia style blackfish hooks. You must always bring along a wide variety of baits. These should include sandworms, mussels, clams, fiddler crabs and green crabs. You should peel the back off green crabs and cut them into halves or quarters. Then pull off most of the legs and slip the hook into one of the sockets and out the body. Be sure the point is exposed.

No matter which baits or hooks you use, the rig is the same. It consists of two tandem tied hooks attached via a dropper loop, a few inches above a 2 or 3 ounce bank sinker. If you are getting snagged in the rocks or pilings a great deal, you can attach just one hook above the sinker. To avoid unnecessary tangles and keep the baits still on the bottom, the hooks should be snelled on fairly short, heavy leaders.

Light conventional tackle is ideal for Jamaica Bay tautog. The rod can be light, but it is important that it has some backbone. Avoid fast action rods. There are two reasons for this. One is that the blackfish's mouth is quite tough and it requires a good strong jolt to set the hook. The other reason is that once hooked, a blackfish will try to get into nearby rocks or pilings. You need a rod with some backbone to pull him away from the obstruction as quickly as possible. Reels comparable to the Daiwa Sealine 27H and 30H, Penn Jigmaster, Jr. and the heavier Penn baitcasting reels are all good. Line should be good quality 15 or 20 lb. test.

There are two ways to go about blackfishing in Jamaica Bay. One method involves anchoring up over rocks and the other involves anchoring up alongside bridges.

First, let's discuss fishing over rocks. A white line recorder is a great



asset in trying to locate patches of rocks. Although it is helpful, I have done this type of fishing without a white line recorder. A depth flasher, although not as good as a recorder, can be a useful tool in finding hard bottom.

You can still locate a good patch of rough bottom without either of these conveniences, but it will take a lot of moving around and plenty of time spent observing other fishermen. If a spot doesn't produce in half an hour, move to another spot. This doesn't always have to be a big move. Sometimes letting 20 or 30 feet off the anchor line will put you over a patch of rocks you weren't on before and make the difference. When you locate a spot that produces, take ranges and write them down. Next time you try to get on that spot, it will be a lot easier to relocate.

Locating a bridge is quite a bit easier than locating a rock patch. The Marine Parkway Bridge, Cross Bay Bridge, and the Railroad Bridge are all worth trying. When fishing at bridges, the standard approach to blackfishing is usually better. I am referring to the use of Virginia style hooks and crabs. It isn't a bad idea to use a slightly heavier rod when fishing at the bridges. Here, the blackfish have more pilings and structure to get tangled in, so you must pull him away from the bottom as quickly as possible.

Tautog are very difficult to hook and there will always be controversy over when to set the hook. You should keep two things in mind. One is that the blackfish has a very tough mouth, so be sure to keep your hooks razor sharp. The other is that the blackfish has two rows of teeth. The first strike you feel is when the blackfish takes the bait in his front row of teeth. Then the second tugs takes place when the bait moves to the back row. This is when you should set the hook hard and raise the rod tip to keep him out of the rocks. Don't get discouraged if you miss a great deal of hits. This is common with blackfish and you will get better with practice.

While doing this type of fishing, blackfish won't be the only fish you catch. Flounder, fluke, sea bass and bergalls are all quite common. We have caught some pretty big sea bass while blackfishing in Jamaica Bay.

There is one serious drawback to this type of fishing. Very often, the bridges don't produce well and it becomes imperative to find a good patch of rocks. This isn't always a simple task. Sometimes, a good patch of rocks is only a few yards long and therefore, very difficult to locate. As mentioned earlier, a white line recorder can be a great help.

If you don't already keep a log, it's a good idea to buy a small memo pad and each time you locate a good patch of rocks, write down your ranges, the depth and sketch a brief diagram. All these things will be quite helpful the next time you have to find that Jamaica Bay blackfish patch.

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MONTAUK'S LAST RESORT

by Pete Mikoleski

When all else fails, Lake Montauk's jetties provide the traveling angler with some fail-safe bottom action.

Every year thousands of fishermen descend upon Montauk to sample some of the best saltwater fishing available in the country. Montauk boasts one of the largest and most successful charter boat fleets around, as well as a fine selection of party boats to choose from.

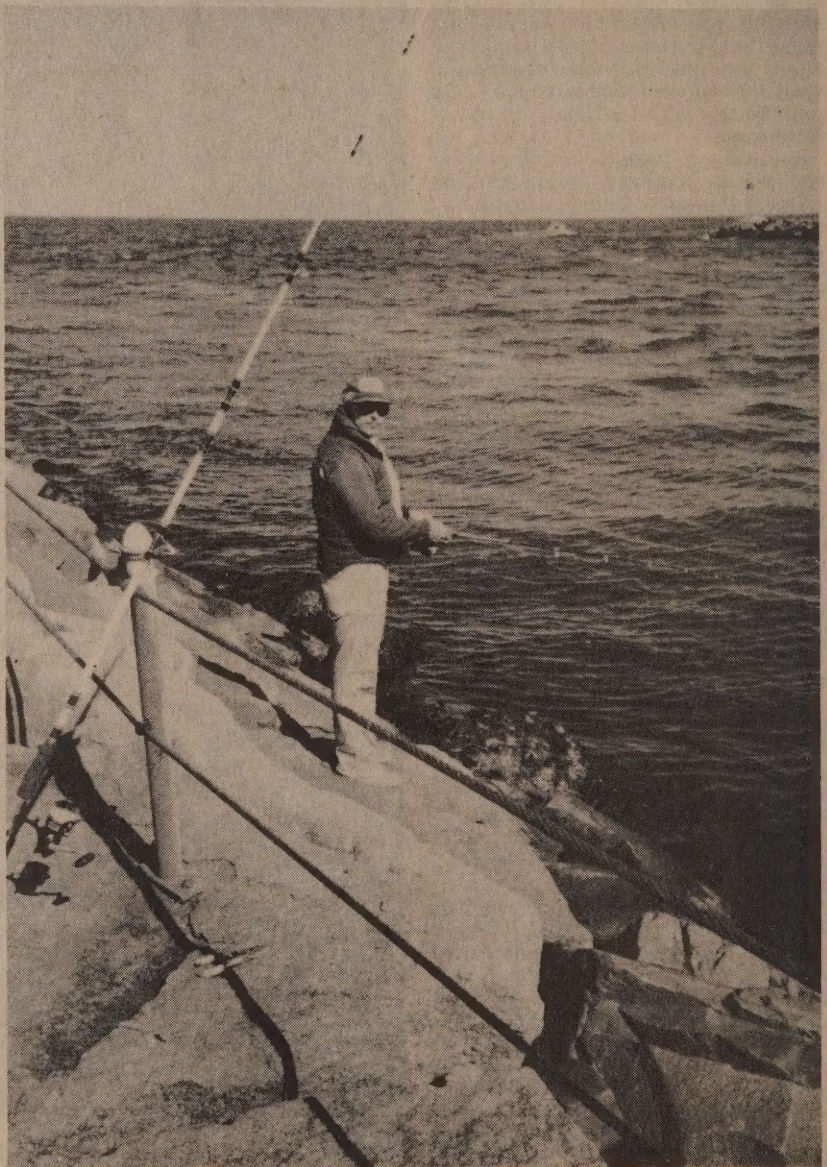
Record striped bass, monster sharks, marlin and giant tuna are the glamour species that get all the publicity. But many determined fishermen drive hundreds of miles to try and fill their coolers with delicious fluke or flounder fillets, bluefish, weakfish, blackfish, cod, pollock, sea bass and porgies. Yes, I think it's safe to say that "Montauk has it all!"

The beacon of the Montauk Lighthouse attracts hordes of fishermen trying their best to hang a trophy fish from the surf. Because of Montauk's abundant fishing attractions, it's easy to see why one of the most prolific attractors known to man is virtually ignored by almost everyone. I'm talking about the rock jetties that protect Montauk Inlet from the forces of Block Island Sound.

Whenever we're out at Montauk, if we aren't sleeping or eating we're fishing. We try to make the most out of the too few opportunities afforded us. Even between striped bass excursions and giant tuna expeditions we find the time to do a little jetty fishin'. I would be less than honest with you if I told you that every time we stepped aboard a boat out there "we filled the bucket." Let's just say that we had our share of good days and experienced a couple of no-hitters, just to prove we're human.

More times than not after one of those grueling shutouts, we usually turn to fishing the jetty as a last resort. I'm really surprised that a spot with so much potential is practically ignored by everyone.

To be honest with you we haven't had the occasion to fish the jetty more than half a dozen times, but we were always pleasantly surprised with the results. How would you like to bottom fish off the jetty and catch a dozen flounder between 1 and 1½ pounds in an hour's time. So what's the big deal, you say? Not too much really, but what if I told you this happened to us during the first week of July at low tide, in the middle of the afternoon with the wrong bait. That's not bad considering the less than ideal condi-



Easy access and comfortable fishing mark the westernmost jetty. But be prepared to lose a fair amount of terminal gear.

tions we fished under. Last October we took a breather from our bass fishing in the middle of the afternoon and took a small cooler full of flounder that were "bragging size" in anybody's book! All this makes me wonder what we're missing out on during the peak of the flounder

season. Also, if flounder fishing is that good, who's to say blackfishing isn't as good or even better around all those rocks.

I'm not an expert jetty jockey by any means, but here's a few tips that might help you out there on the rocks. Medium spinning tackle is the ideal

gear to use on the jetty. Although I used a nine foot medium weight spinning outfit and was very successful, I would recommend something smaller, around 7 or 8 feet long with a medium weight tip capable of handling 2 to 4 ounce sinkers. Bank sinkers are the only ones to use because you will be fishing over a bottom comprised of patches of sand and rock. This type of sinker will not get caught in the rocks as easily as a pyramid sinker, but count on losing a few anyway. Be sure to bring some extras along.

A medium weight spinning reel filled with 10 to 12 lb. test mono would be a good choice. Just make sure the brand of mono you choose has good abrasion resistant characteristics because you'll need it fishing amongst the rocks. Whatever hooks you have been using for your flounder or blackfishing should suffice. We've been using a simple two hook tandem rig or fish finder rig on the jetty. Don't bother with any other hardware like snap swivels; these will just help you get hung up in the rocks.

On a sunny day (especially if you're wearing Polaroid sunglasses), you will see patches of clean sandy bottom between the rocks all along the sides of the jetty. Here is where you want to keep your bait. Don't try casting all the way across the inlet. Concentrate fishing the sandy patches of bottom near the sides of the jetty. Accurate casting is more important than long distance casting here. When your bait is on the bottom, hop it along until you "feel" a sandy spot. Keep your line tight and wait for the first telltale nibble of a hungry flounder or blackfish.

Although we have fished both sides of the inlet, we feel that the jetty at the end of West Lake Drive is more productive. There is a public parking lot at the end of the jetty, so parking isn't a problem; and it's just a short two minute walk to the prime fishing grounds. We like to fish the middle of the jetty, near the end of the heavy wire railing.

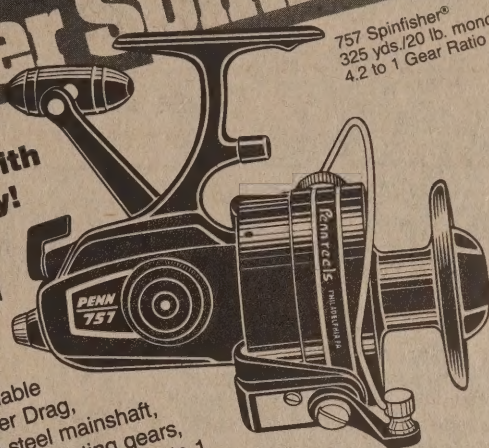
We've done pretty well using frozen clams as bait, although not by choice but out of necessity. Live bait is very hard to come by, if not almost non-existent out there in Montauk. So if you plan to fish out there, it would be wise to import your own live bait from back home. If you are going to try for flounder, live bloodworms or sandworms will probably increase your catch dramatically. The same would hold true for live fiddler crabs, a bait I would highly recommend for blackfish. For best results, I would try and coincide my arrival time around two hours before high water. Don't forget to bring along a small cooler with some ice in it to keep your catch out of the sun and in good condition.

The next time you're out at Montauk and you've been weathered out of a charter or party boat trip, or you have some idle moments to spare, give the jetty a shot and you'll likely be pleasantly surprised with the results.

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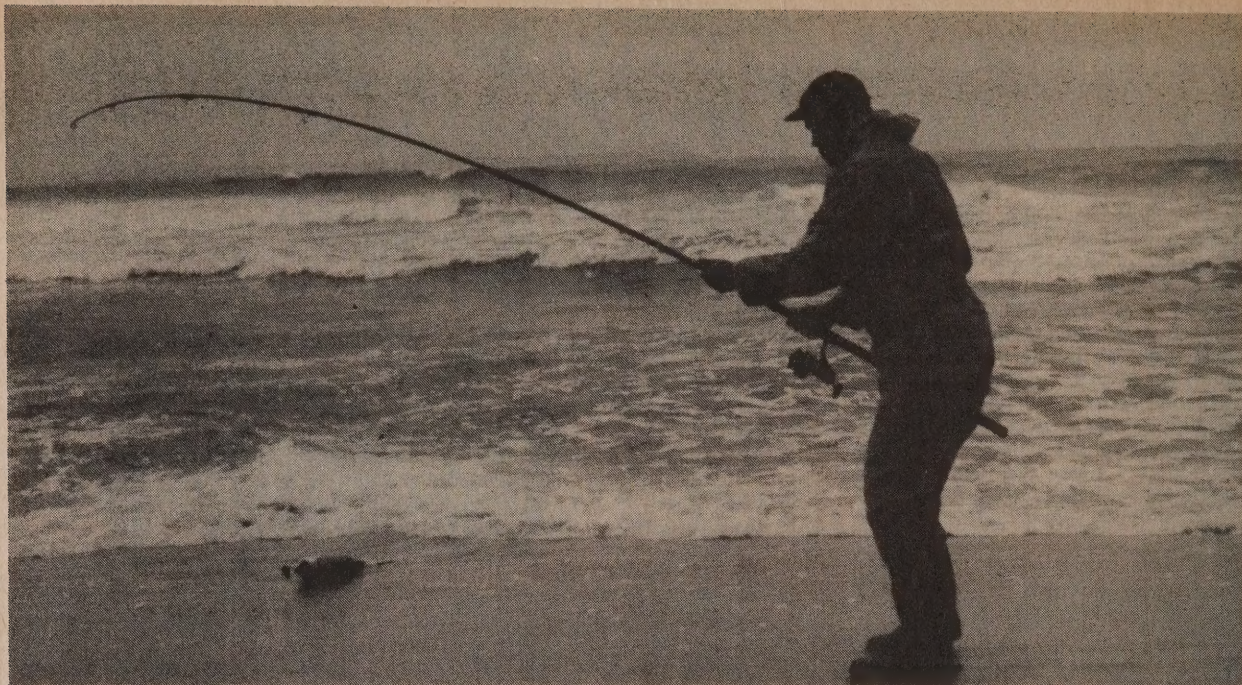
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EVERYONE'S GAME FISH

by John Fritz

From their arrival in May, until they depart well into November, bluefish are the mainstay for scores of Long Island surfcasters.

If bluefish ever disappeared from the inshore waters of Long Island, it would leave a void so great, that the majority of surfcasters would hang up their rods. From the awaited arrival in the early weeks of May to their frenzied forays during the fall run, these tireless game fish provide anglers with countless hours of entertainment. For the most part, monster blues, those over 10 pounds, remain in deeper waters, until the first chill winds of autumn transmit the hint of changing seasons to all creatures. On the other hand, smaller bluefish, those ranging in weight from a pound up to five, classified by some as cocktail or harbor blues, will provide season-long enjoyment for a wide variety of beach bound fishermen.

The eagerness with which these fish attack a broad range of artificial lures is a source of both delight and annoyance. Anglers striving for striped bass or weakfish may be dismayed at their intrusion, but numerous other fishermen gladly seek out their presence. Their spirited fight, on a wide selection of tackle, make them an ideal game fish for children or other novice beach fishermen. Their arrival during the second or third week of May, until their departure in November, spans a time of the year when casual anglers are not

deterred by prolonged periods of adverse weather. In fact, bathing suits are frequently the attire of the day rather than expensive or cumbersome waders and tops. Although early morning and late afternoon journeys provide a better chance of success during the busy summer months, thrilling action often takes place under a bright sun.

The south shore inlets are the first to welcome the newly arrived school of bluefish; here they provide a welcome alternative to the sedentary pastime of bait fishing for flounder or striped bass. Occasionally their presence will be revealed by the wheeling and diving of the recently arrived terns, but more often, they are located by squidding the depths, where the inlet's currents form swirling rips and back eddies. At such time an Ava 17 or 007 will be ideal. Their shape allows them to plunge quickly to the bottom and their size closely resembles the bait fish present at this early stage of the season. Lucky anglers, encountering a school feeding on top, will be provided with exciting sport if small standard poppers, or pencil poppers are used.

Towards the end of the month, similar blues swarm the north shore beaches offering anglers from Southold to the city line the opportunity to

share in this next phase of this fledgling season. In these more placid waters of Long Island Sound, 4 and 5 inch minnow-shaped swimmers can be used after sunset, in conjunction with the standard daylight lures of shiny metal and surface commotion.

The annual school recess provides youngsters, with ready access to the shore, the opportunity to enjoy almost daily sessions with schools of resident bluefish. At such a pleasant time of the year, the chance to introduce smaller children to this sport is a superb way to generate interest in a healthy and wholesome activity.

If sport is the sole purpose of seeking these smallish bluefish, flatten the barbs of all hooks so that they can be dislodged without undue damage to the fish. Also, if using a plug containing 2 or 3 trebles, remove them and replace with a single tail hook. This latter practice is often used in late summer and early autumn when vast schools, recklessly swarm along south side beaches, attacking any moving object. A popping plug so equipped and skipped through their midst will receive repeated strikes until an unfortunate blue will eventually snag the tail hook.

In most instances sophisticated equipment is not necessary. Any outfit capable of casting a lure a

moderate distance is sufficient. If crowded conditions prevail, it would be helpful to be furnished with slightly sturdier tackle, but common sense can overcome this deficiency. If one is unable to prevent a fish from surging down the beach it is best to follow along. In this manner, tangled lines and lost fish are less likely. The choice of lures is not always important, but extra lures and wire leaders should be close at hand. Schools of toothsome bluefish are the tackle dealer's best friends.

At this time of the season the major south shore inlets are scenes of recurring engagements with bluefish of this type. As the ebbing tide flushes all manner of baitfish seaward, the attraction of this natural chum slick draws these opportunistic blues well up into the inlet. In some instances, this requires an angler to fish from a rock jetty, an obstacle necessitating a certain degree of caution and more stout equipment. While the ultimate sport can be enjoyed while fishing in calm water from a sandy beach, light tackle is of little use when trying to land a struggling fish in swift currents while perched on a slippery rock, high above the water.

Along the extensive open beaches of the south shore's east end, these schools freely roam the shoreline in search of prey. While many beach buggy operators take advantage of this open expanse to follow the schools in their wanderings, less fortunate anglers are limited in their mobility. These fishermen tend to congregate in the vicinity of the numerous access points, equipped with fishing gear, beach chair and something to while away the hours, until such time that a school makes its appearance.

Schools appear and vanish only to show again a short way down the beach. Rods are hastily jammed into rod holders and the buggy crowd flies off to pursue the fish. The walkers are left behind, seemingly to be denied further enjoyment. However, all good things come to those who are patient. In many cases, the bluefish will reappear in exactly the same spot, much to the relief of those unable to follow.

Once the larger blues and other surf game fish begin their migratory movements along our shores, interest in these smaller blues rapidly subsides. It is now that the same anglers, who have enjoyed their presence throughout the season, fervently wish they would go elsewhere. Chunk bait and live eels, intended for larger game, are rendered useless by these insatiable blues. In many instances, the arrival of darkness will signal the end of their predations, but not before they have consumed a portion of the bait supply. The ire any surfcaster feels towards these small gamesters dissipates over the long winter months. Their arrival the following spring will again be greeted with delight for they truly comprise a vital portion of Long Island's fishing scene.



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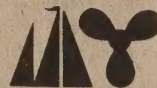
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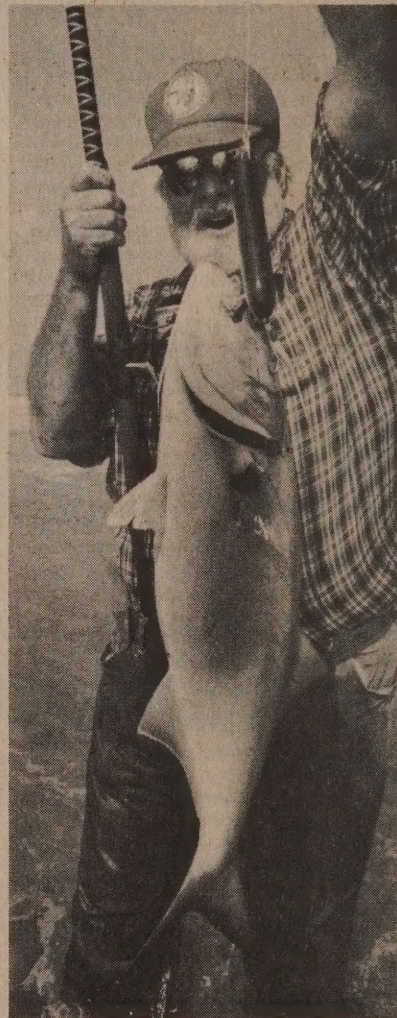
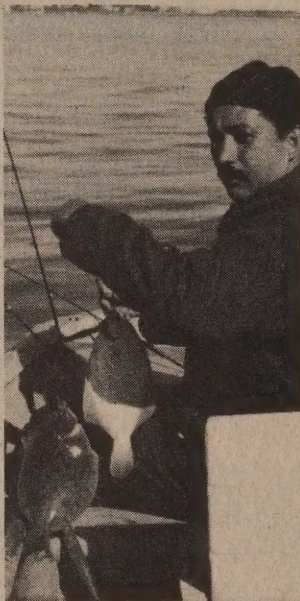
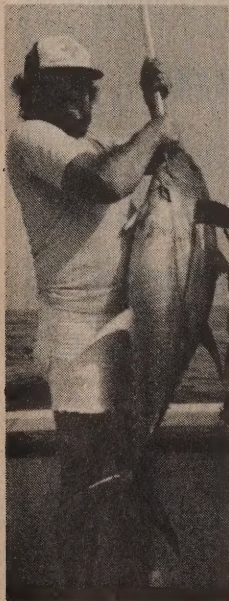
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EAST BOUND WEAKS

by Gerald Hahn

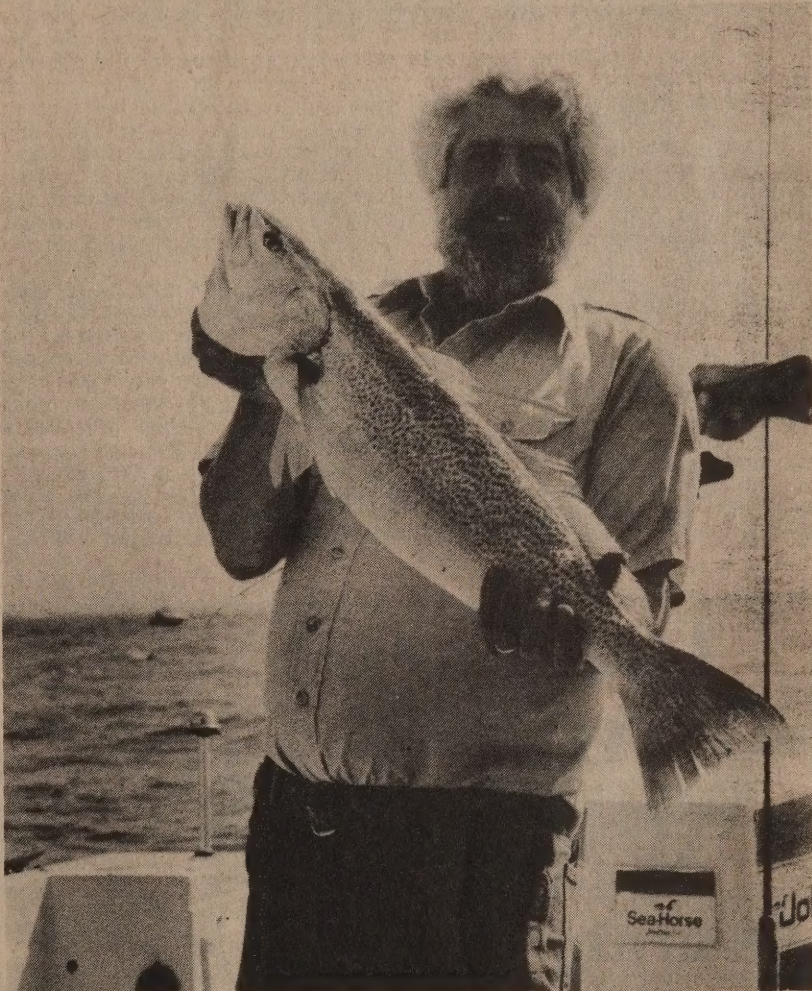
As the spring run progresses, smart anglers work east in their quest for tiderunners.

Everyone agrees that weakfish are on the decline. The evidence is in a shortened spring run and fewer fish being taken from season to season. In the Peconics, for example, the "birthplace of weakfishing in Long Island," the traditional spring run lasted about three weeks. Now it lasts only a week to ten days. Moreover, the largest weaks or tiderunners—10 to 15 pounds—are disappearing as well. Today most of the tiderunners weigh less than 10 pounds.

Yet despite these poor statistics, more fishermen than ever are trying for weakfish. One reason, undoubtedly, is that weakfish remain one of the largest species available to the small boat fisherman. Another is that weakfish, or squeteague, as they are called in New England, are magnificent looking fish. They may not appear as streamlined as bluefish, but their markings are richer: a spectrum of gold, blue, purple, orange and yellow spots blending into iridescent bronze and accented with yellow-orange pectoral and anal fins. No wonder they are called sea trout (actually, they are members of the drum family) down South.

Today, of all fishermen who hope to land a tiderunner, those who own vessels fare best. The reason is simple: they can follow the tiderunners at the most productive times and not waste hours of fishing. For example, tiderunners, as the name suggests, are most active around the change of tide. Moreover, the fish seem to favor tidal changes in the late afternoon and evening, between 4 and 7 PM. This eliminates the skiff renter who must return to the livery station by 4 or 5 PM and the party boat angler who fishes mostly at night.

Fishermen in private vessels also have the flexibility to follow the tiderunners through various bays and thereby extend the spring run. For instance, at the beginning of the spring run in the Peconics, most of the fish are concentrated in the western part of the bay, around the South Race. Having come from the ocean through the Shinnecock Canal, the weaks follow the major channels to the rips south of Robins Island and the calmer waters along the South Fork between the Dumps and the Sand Slide. From here, they head east to such well-known spots as Rose Grove, Nassau Point, the Middle Grounds and Jessup Neck, the west side of Shelter Island and Noyac Bay.



Harry Kramer with a tiderunner weak taken in early June at Jessup's Neck.

Although most skiff renters and party boat fishermen stop fishing for tiderunners by the end of May, the fish are still in the bays, working their way east. By mid-June, for example, they are found near the entrance to Northwest Harbor, between Mashomack Point on Shelter Island's east side and Cedar Point on the South Fork. From here they spread out to Gardiner's Bay and lastly to Montauk. Thus, as the season progresses, sharp weakfish anglers in private vessels point their bows east.

My fishing companion, Harry Kramer, who works these bays regularly, is a good example of a sharp weakfish angler. Checking

these waterways at regular intervals in his 20 foot Glastron powered by a 150 Johnson outboard, he catches more tiderunners than most fishermen. Last season, for example, he caught them at Jessup Neck in early June and at Northwest Harbor in late June. The previous year he caught them at Cedar Point in early July. All the fish were taken in the late afternoon, either just before or just after, a tidal change. Incidentally, all these "late running" tiderunners weighed between 8 and 12 pounds.

This is not to say that Harry caught weakfish every time he went out. He put in many hours before landing

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these magnificent fish, and he tried various tactics. At Jessup, for example, he caught a tiderunner on a green tiger tail tipped with squid, and at Cedar he landed a brace of fish with a whole squid head, a bait he finds sorely under-utilized by most fishermen. "I'll trade them any time," he says, "four strips for one head." Other fishermen have had success with whole sandworms, baitfish and with other artificials. Furthermore, although most people drift for weaks, Harry will also try anchoring and chumming. In fact, he caught the brace of weaks while we were chumming for porgies. I had the dubious honor of hanging onto a 2 pound humpback with one hand while trying to net Harry's 12 pound tiderunner with the other.

Although weakfish are one of the Big 3, which includes blues and stripers, they are the poorest fighters of the lot. A 5 lb. blue puts up a stronger battle than a 10 lb. weak, and so does a 5 lb. striper. Weaks must be handled gingerly, and consequently, most fishermen use moderate tackle: a 6 to 7 foot spinning rod with a light tip and a reel comparable to a Penn 712Z spooled with 8 to 10 lb. test is favored by most anglers. Those who want to play it safe may go to 15 lb. test, while light tackle enthusiasts scale down to as little as 6 lb. A 7 foot popping rod with a reel such as the Penn 9-MS levelwind is an effective too also, for it provides good line

control and a more sensitive feel.

As mentioned, weaks can be taken on natural baits, artificials and a combination of both. In the Peconics, sandworms seem to be more effective at the beginning of the spring run; later on, squid, whether in strip form or in Harry's head and tentacle form, seems to take the most tiderunners. These baits are rigged on a 2/0 beak or claw hook snelled to a long three foot leader of 30 lb. test. An end loop for a 2 or 3 ounce bank sinker and a dropper loop 2 or 3 inches above for the snelled hook complete the rig. The long snell streams the bait naturally in the current. Some people favor an inline trolling sinker for the rig. The sinker comes with a bead chain at both ends of secured to the running line with an improved clinch knot and a snap below holds the snelled hook. This is an excellent rig for drifting over sand bottom, as well as in strong currents where its design reduces tangles between the snelled hook and the running line.

When weaks are feeding in mid-depth water, a hi-hook rig is often employed. In this arrangement, the snelled hook is secured to a dropper or a three-way swivel anywhere from 1 to 3 feet above the sinker. Another way to keep the rig high is to use a small clinch sinker. One advantage of the first hi-hook rig is that you can bottom fish for other species while going for weaks. For example, from the Peconics to Northwest Harbor,

humpback porgies move in soon after the weaks arrive and a pair of tandem tied #2 beak hooks on the bottom will attract them while the high hook searches out the tiderunners. Around Gardiner's Island, snowshoe flounder are taken in the same way.

Artificials have long been utilized for weakfish, and over the years fishermen have favored different patterns. During the mid-70s, for example, they found leadhead jigs, with short, soft plastic tails resembling shrimp and grubs, deadly. Then leadhead jellyworms and other long-tailed models took hold. Today, tiger tails and whiptails made of surgical tubing and latex are catching the attention of many weakfish anglers. Old standbys such as leadhead bucktails in white or yellow and "tin squids" should be handy as well. In general, the most popular colors are fluorescent red, grape, white and yellow.

For bay fishing, the lures should be kept light: 1/4 to 3/4 ounces. Purists, of course, use the lures straight, but many fishermen sweeten the lures with a pennant-shaped strip of squid, about 1/2 by 3 inches long; others favor a whole sandworm. Anything to gain an edge. In fact, some fishermen reverse the process by streaming a natural bait below a teaser (a feathered hook). As with blues and mackerel, the weaks will go for the teaser.

Indeed, in the East End bays lures and natural baits are fished the same way, that is, by running them about

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100 feet behind a drifting boat rather than by casting and retrieving. When fishing for tiderunners, the less you do the better. The method is similar to fishing for fluke. When you catch a fish on a drift, you shorten subsequent drifts over the productive spot.

Although few people anchor and chum for weaks, this method can be deadlier than drifting. Lower a chum pot filled with ground bunker or a clam log and let out the rig so that it is in line with the slick. Stick the rod in the holder with the drag set lightly and the clicker on. Weaks give a good account of themselves when they pick up the offering, so there will be no doubt when a fish is on. As Harry noticed, tiderunners are much harder to bring in from an anchored boat than from a drifting boat. "They feel like a ton of bricks," he says.

In general, weakfish, when hooked, make a short though powerful run, and then follow through with erratic behavior. Some suddenly turn toward the boat while others swirl this way and that just beneath the surface. From season to season, however, they seem to give varied accounts of themselves. One year I brought in a 9 pounder in short order on a light 6 foot spinning rod and a small reel spooled with 10 pound test. That spring the weather was unusually cold, and the fish were sluggish. The next season, armed with a heavier outfit, I had difficulty landing one half that size.

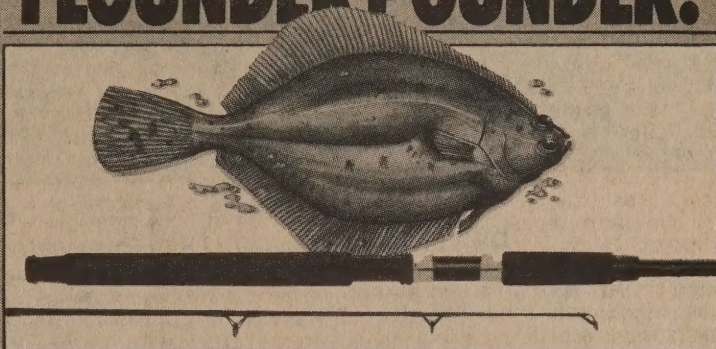
Many people claim that weakfish have thin mouths. The fish's upper jaw is thin just behind the lips, but the lower jaw is longer and stronger. At any rate, it is advisable not to horse the fish in. A light drag setting on the reel and a large landing net are essential to successful weakfishing.

In the spring, the East End Bays are often dank with fog and slopped by variable winds, yet tiderunners do not seem to mind. Fishermen should pay heed, however, especially if their boats are on the small side. Check the weather, especially if you intend to fish east of Cedar Point. Launching ramps are available at most fishing stations on the North and South Fork.

As mentioned, prime weakfishing periods are around tidal changes, from about two hours before to an hour after slack tide. Fishermen in private boats can schedule their trips to take advantage of the best tides, especially those in the evening. This is not to say that morning tidal changes are poor. In fact, I've taken numerous tiderunners over the years on rental skiffs and most were caught in the morning. But even here, the private boat owner has the edge. He can launch his boat in the dark and truly fish at the crack of dawn.

Although the spring weakfish run is supposed to be getting shorter (in the Peconics it lasts from May 15 to May 25), the fish do not depart. They're heading east. So, if you own a vessel or know someone who does, point your bow east.

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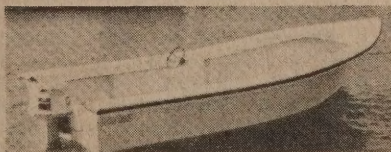
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rites of spring

by Matt Ahern

The pugnacious blackfish belongs in a class by itself, according to this veteran sinker bouncer.

Happy that spring is here—even though it might be raining the day you read this? I am; for it gives me an opportunity to improve my fishing skills, tutored by the greatest teacher of all. The spring blackfish.

To be consistently successful fisherman, all fish require of the angler a certain degree of skill. But the pugnacious blackfish, by being unusually strong and crafty, is in a class by itself. I admit that I've learned much from our chisel-toothed friend. In fact, as a boy inquiring about fish from old-timers, I was told that in order to be successful at the bottom fishing game, I should first learn to catch blackfish. No foolish words, they.

Before we get into the nitty-gritty of spring blackfishing, let's take a closer look at our interesting friend, and interesting he is, indeed.

The coastal range of our blackfish is fairly extensive, running from Nova Scotia to the Virginia Capes. They aren't migratory in the sense of mackerel and cod, but they do have a definite inshore and offshore migration, governed by water temperature. North of Long Island, blackfish are found all summer long.

Blacks, and that bane of all bottom fishermen, the bergall, are members of the wrasse family of southern waters. These are the brilliantly-colored fish seen on TV in exotic reef settings. Our blackfish shares none of these beautiful colors, although the bergall makes an attempt by displaying various shades of red, green, and yellow.

Actually, the blackfish's coloration is a grand attempt at camouflage. In males, the color varies from black to gray; in females, a mottled brown (also in young fish). Larger males also have a noticeable white chin, by which they are known around the Virginia Capes.

But color or no, fishermen cannot mistake a blackfish, as its short, muscular body is not shared by other local fish. This body is perfectly suited for browsing around sunken wrecks, rockpiles, and similar cluttered areas. Its hide is slippery and tough—as any fisherman who has attempted to scale one knows. All in all, our friend is well-equipped for the life it leads.

The average blackfish we catch in spring on the offshore grounds will weigh about two pounds (and here I

exclude Long Island Sound where the average black is a bit larger); on in-shore grounds, sheltered bays, and the like (Peconic Bay is excluded), blacks run slightly more than one pound. But this is all average and it is not to say bulldog blacks are not available in springtime—they are just fewer in number. In fact, the largest blackfish I've caught (so far) weighed slightly more than 14 pounds and was taken offshore of Seabright, New Jersey on a memorable Memorial Day back in 1931...and on a bit of clam meant for early sea bass. So—you never know; but it is best to expect smaller blackfish in spring than in fall; and why this should be, I don't know.

Although blackfish may be rough and ready, willing to do battle with all fishermen, they are extremely sensitive to sudden drops in temperature and will perish if trapped in shallow areas during a cold snap. Nor can they tolerate any lengthy warm spells when in shallow water. Small blackfish seem to tolerate this better than their larger brothers.

The blackfish has long been known as the tackle dealers delight—and with good reason. As mentioned before, blackfish are found wherever obstructions abound. Reefs, wreckage, rockpiles, ledges, and pilings around old, decayed piers and wharves all have their share of blackfish. These places offer secluded caves and crevices needed for protection and food. Probably more terminal tackle has been lost while blackfishing than any other way. If you don't become "hung-up" occasionally while blackfishing, you aren't fishing in the right spot. So, as a word to the wise is sufficient, be sure to carry extra hooks, sinkers, and so forth when fishing for old chisel-tooth.

Blackfish, being rugged and powerful, require the use of sturdy tackle—this is the bottom fish most capable of beating all fishermen when given half a chance. Medium-weight spinning gear can be used in shallow water, but I believe for all around blackfishing, a sturdy conventional rod and reel, one filled with 20 lb. test, good quality mono, is a better choice. Bank sinkers are preferred and will range from two to eight ounces. This depends on water depth and current strength.

Rigging for blackfish is simple.

Because the black is a bottom feeder, your hooks must be there.

Seldom will blacks rise any distance from the sea floor for food. (They can be chummed to the surface like weakfish, of which more later.)

As for hooks, I think the best is a #5 Virginia (commonly called the blackfish hook). This has an especially-designed offset hollow point and barb, which enables it to be firmly implanted in the black's small, leather-like jaw. Two hooks are used in most areas and these are rigged "deep-sea" style, which means the lower one is tied into the main line low enough so that the bait lies full-out on bottom, and the second hook high enough to avoid entangling the first. In some extremely "sticky" areas, such as the Iberia Wreck off Long Beach, it is best to use one bottom hook only. This can be tied in to the main line so that it dangles about even with the sinker, or slightly above it. This will cut down on the amount of snagging and loss of terminal tackle.

Blackfish take a variety of baits. All bait that has, or had, a shell around it is fair game to old chisel-tooth.

Some fishermen feel that spring-time blacks should only be offered soft food such as worm and clam. They say the reason is because the black's mouth is tender at this time of year. Whether this is so, I don't know, but from my own experience, I'd say there seems to be merit to this belief.

Although skimmer clam is rarely refused in springtime (recall my Seabright blackfish), some fishermen use nothing but sandworm. The selection is yours, but if bergalls are thick in your fishing area, forget about tender mouths and opt for china-back fiddlers and green crabs. Maybe you'll find a blackfish so hungry, it won't mind a little pain.

If fiddlers are used, the large claw should be removed and the hook inserted here. (Female fiddlers have two small claws.)

Take care when inserting the hook. Fiddlers are delicate and it doesn't take much to crush them. Whether you leave the point of the hook inside the crab or allow it to protrude is up to you. It won't affect the hooking one way or the other, but I have found that leaving the point inside the crab will keep the crab alive for a much longer time.

Green crabs should have their top shell removed and the legs cut off close to the body. They are then cut into two or more pieces, depending on



While spring-run blacks generally average smaller than fall-run fish, there are always exceptions. This 14 pound 6 ounce bulldog was taken aboard a Sheepshead Bay open boat by John Johnson of Brooklyn back in April of 1983. Photo by Harry Ostrow.

size of crab. (Small, whole green crabs, used as is, are killers on large blackfish. They just can't resist.) One other thing on green crab bait. Some fishermen cut all their crabs into suitable pieces before the fishing begins. They do this to save time should the fishing be hot. Take a tip from Old Matt and cut up just two or three crabs and save the rest for when you need them throughout the day. You'll catch more blackfish if you do. It seems (to me, anyway) that cut-up green crab lying around in their juices—especially if the day is warm—quickly sour, which, in turn, will drive the fish away. Try it both ways and see what happens.

Many first-time blackfishermen have difficulty setting the hook. This is because blackfish attack bait in two distinct ways. First to be felt is a series of rapid nips; then comes a pause. This is the crucial time, which means: **don't** move the bait! This is the time when the bait is being passed back to the crushers (a second set of teeth located near the throat). To alert the fish now that all is not well is to cause the fish to spit out the bait, never more to return (unless you change the bait). But if you paid

attention to what I suggested, the black will let you know when it feels the hook by giving a strong tug. This is when you rear back on the rod and keep it high as you reel. This must be done to keep the fish from darting back to its hidey-hole. So be prepared, for even the downward surge of a two pound blackfish is surprisingly powerful.

This is the reason for using sturdy tackle. You've got to get the upper hand from the start. After the fish is clear of the obstruction, say a matter of five/six feet (sometimes more, depending upon the fishing area), you can relax a bit and fight your fish to the surface. If the fish is large, have a net ready. Few blackfish are lost on the surface, but many rods are ruined when excited fishermen lose their heads. Blackfish aren't called "tackle-busters" without good reason.

Blackfish may be chummed to the surface if those interested keep two things in mind. First: the water must be shallow; no more than 15 feet. Secondly: there must be very little current, otherwise, the chum will be carried too far to do much good.

The best bait for chumming is grass shrimp, but these are too difficult to

come by in quantity today; however, don't despair. An excellent substitute is clam (any type) which have been put through a grinder. They must be minced very fine. Should the pieces be too heavy, they will sink...which is fine for the blackfish, but not for you.

For this fishing you should modify your tackle. A light rod (medium-spinning gear is okay) and a light line is required. Bait with larger pieces of chum on a #6 Virginia hook and lower it carefully to where the fish are feeding. (If you work it right, you will be able to see them.) Be prepared by having a firm grip on the rod, for when you sink the hook you'll discover quite quickly why blackfish are considered game fish by most of us.

How large will these chummed-up blackfish be? Not very large, I'm afraid. I'm sure my biggest was little more than two pounds, but my buddy Nick Hauck nailed a seven pounder under the LIRR trestle at Island Park—and on a fly rod, to boot! What a scrap that fish put up—and good soul that he is, Nick returned it to live and fight another day.

As it swam off, Nick said: "Now, that's a fish!"

Amen, brother. You are so right.

THE FLOUNDER THAT NEVER WAS

by Fred Golofaro



The names of those involved have not been changed, in the best interest of revenge.

No sooner had my head creased the pillow than the alarm echoed its rude and penetrating call. Groggy from lack of sleep (courtesy of our first newborn son) and the onset of a first rate head cold, it was easy to question my decision to join Marty Beer and John Schauer for this spring flounder sojourn. I was committed to rendezvous with them and knew that I would only suffer further abuse if I chose to cancel out. While I regularly

forego a night's sleep in the pursuit of more glamorous species, heading out on a day-long flounder trip with less than two hours sleep under my belt, and an aggravating cold to boot, was not my idea of a fun day. A bit of rationalizing led me to figure that I could coast through the morning if I had to, and catch up on sleep during the latter part of the trip.

How wrong I was! We had anchored on the fringe of Massape-

qua Cove and as luck would have it, the flounder were in a cooperative mood. The spirited action spurred on my two companions while I attempted to quietly sneak out of the fray and catch whatever "shuteye" I could. John and Marty would have no part of it and instead chose to bombard me with a constant litany of abusive language while blasphemizing everything dear to me. All this in good fun, of course—but, I vowed to myself to even the score before the day was done.

The morning had deteriorated to the point where I was reduced to a crumpled heap in the bow of John's 17 foot Boston Whaler. Every fish the pair landed added to my misery as they tossed still flapping flatties on my chest and lap. Since I shared the bow with the fish box cooler, they had determined that my usefulness had been reduced to adding their fish to the cooler. Fellow Great South Bay Angler's Club members in adjacent boats shared in the barrage of good natured, verbal abuse and laughed heartily as each slimy flounder beat a tattoo on my body.

The time to even the score was fast approaching. Feigning sleep, I peeked under my eyelids in time to see Marty land a flattie that was every bit of 2½ pounds, and may have even pushed the needle to the three pound mark! One heck of a flounder for these parts and a sure bet to take top honors in our club's flounder division. I deftly ignored all of the commotion in the stern as well as the pleas to wake up and see this "flounder to top all flounder."

As I expected, the big flattie splashed square across my chest to raucous shouts of laughter from Marty and John, as well as anglers in neighboring boats who by now, were well tuned to the antics taking place aboard the Whaler. As nonchalantly as I could, I rose from my apparent slumber. Taking the big fish in my hands, I congratulated Marty for catching what was surely one of the biggest flatties I had ever seen come from this western bay—and proceeded to drop the still struggling flattie back into its watery domain. The maneuver drew a stunned silence from my companions and those anchored nearby. As for Marty, we had to scrape his jaw from the bait board, so low did it drop at the sight of his "prize winning" flounder being unceremoniously dumped over the side. Once over the shock, laughter again filled the air and even Marty managed a feeble chuckle.

Now, I derive a tremendous amount of satisfaction out of returning game fish such as stripers, weaks, trout, etc. Returning that flounder, though, had to be my most satisfying moment when it comes to "releasing" fish.

And to this day, no one who witnessed the proceedings will acknowledge that Marty did indeed catch that big flattie, let alone attest to its size. And so ends the saga of "the flounder that never was."

East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Spring has come to Montauk and the South Fork! Big weaks were taken in the Peconics, some to 15 lbs, along with the first showing of hungry bluefish. A substantial catch of fluke was reported in the Shinnecock Bay, and finally a flounder run in Shinnecock Bay, with flounder over 3 lbs. Snowshoe flounder are finally a reality off Gardiner's Island. Mackerel are thick off Block Island and Montauk. The pollock run shows promise of beginning very soon. Cod won't quit.

MONTAUK

Captain Chuck Mallinson of the charterboat, **Joy-Sea**, feels that spring has arrived at Montauk. The results of the past days fishing: snowshoe flounder at Gardiner's; signs of pollock at Block Island; scattered bluefish at Cartwright; with lots of bait and mackerel around make the upcoming weeks look like a good time to go fishing at Montauk!

Captain Jay Rigano made a trip to Cox's Ledge with Frank Marinelli Plumbing Co, and its friends, where the group caught 38 cod in the 15-25 lb. range, along with 20 scrod. A little extra excitement was added to the trip when a hooked conger eel was snatched by a large, grey fish which appeared from nowhere and could not be stopped on 40 lb. tackle. Charlie Beneway and his friends caught 20 cod at Block Island, along with a medium size pollock. Saturday's trip to the Southwest Ledge with Mike Storino and his friends resulted in 20 cod and 3 snowshoe flounder, however bad winds cut the cod trip short, with the **Lori-Jay** putting into New Harbor for a try at flounder, catching about 100 medium size fish before taking the rough ride back to Montauk.

The codfish of the week was taken aboard the charter boat **Montauk** on Sunday, a 50 lb. steaker caught by Gregg Tully, while second honors go to Carlin Schermerhorn, who pulled in a 45 lb. cod on Wednesday. Capt. Mike Albronde reported quite a few cod in the 20 to 30 lb. range on Sunday. Every day more large pollock are coming into the Montauk area, with some over 30 lbs. Fishing seems to be continuing on the upswing, with plenty of bait and mackerel around. A great proportion of the cod are now taking jigs, with the Sekora green colored monkey tail producing well.

The flounder picture at Gardiner's Island has done a complete turnaround from last week, according to Capt. Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann**. Since Friday's reports were so good, Capt. Ricca fished Gardiner's Island area on Saturday with the Contino family resulting in 44 nice flounder with three over three pounds and many up to 2½ pounds. Wednesday's codfish trip with Bob Start encountered bad winds and seas, necessitating a change in plans, the flounder trip which ensued resulted in a catch of 74 flounder and saved the day!

Captain Michael Potts reports that the beginning of last week was a little slower than normal, with trips on the **Bluefin IV** capturing 20-35 cod in the 15-25 lb. range and a few large pollock fishing the Block Island area and other fishing grounds south of Montauk. However, on Sunday, on a trip with the Acres Anglers of Mastic Beach, Capt. Potts found the mother lode of cod. About 110 cod were put into the fish boxes in a frenzied two hours of fishing. Capt. Potts reported that the fish, started with bait, then preferring jigs and tubes drifting through the school. The fish ranged mostly in the 20-30 lb. class, with only a few fish smaller. Approximately 20 big pollock were jigged among the cod at Block Island. the group returned early, well satisfied with the fabulous catch.

Capt. Ron Grandinetti fished Gardiner's Island on the **Julie III** on Friday with a group led by Joe M. of Brooklyn where they caught 59 large flounder, weighing from 1¾ to 4 lbs. 4 ozs. A few blues and mackerel were a side catch. On Saturday, with Paul Samengetti, 15 cod from 5-14 lbs., 16 snowshoe flounder, and about 100 mackerel were caught at Block Island.

Edelman's Lou Rosado took the **Bullet** to Gardiner's Island on its maiden voyage and christened the boat with 39 flounder to 4 lbs. in weight, fishing the flood tide in very windy conditions. Mussel was the bait of choice, location: deep water off the Tower north of Eastern Plains Point. Lou fished with his friend Nick and Earl, who specialized in catching only big ones. On Saturday, Lou fished Tobacco Lot Bay in about 19 feet of water, where 41 nice flounder were caught (so big they filled a bushel basket). He and Capt. Steve Sekora found best action on the ebb tide. A blowfish and some blackfish rounded out the catch.

Maureen called from **Gone Fishing Marina** to tell me about the catch of 94 flounder made on the **Caprice** on Saturday. Toto and Meat Johnson, with Artie Miller fished Eastern Plains Point and Petty's Bight with Capt. Bob Storc. A few blackfish also took bait meant for flounder.

Gone Fishing Marina based boats fished cod. On Saturday, John Barch returned with 2 dozen cod to 25 lbs. in weight on his boat "Partnership". On Sunday Bob Meyer of Mastic Beach caught 18 cod to 13 pounds. Both trips

were to the southwest Ledge at Block Island.

Nancy, at **Captain's Cove Marina** stated that flounder action in the Gardiner's Island area is in full swing now. Mackerel are solid at Block Island also.

Capt. Paul Forsberg remarked that "ton's of mackerel" were seen on Saturday's trip on the **Viking Star-ship**. Cod remain steady, with the pool fish in the 50 pound range on Saturday. On the recent offshore trip to Nantucket, 25 anglers caught over 350 cod, the largest 35 lbs. Capt. Forsberg asked me to remind you that the next combination Georges/Nantucket trip is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th. May 22nd is a Nantucket trip, with another combination Georges/Nantucket trip scheduled for May 24th.

Capt. Fred Bird is fishing local waters on the **Flying Cloud's** half day flounder trips and doing very well. He reports lots of flounder, of good size, with regular consistency.

Since the winds blew on Friday, most of the skiff's from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** opted to fish in Lake Montauk, meeting very good flounder action. Rod Roso, his wife, and three children returned to Bayville with 56 flounder to 1½ lbs., taken in 4 hours of fishing. Rod fished a moving tide and used bushels of mussel chum, worms for bait. Fishing alongside, Robert Ruggiero and his friend from Warwick, N.J. caught 47 flounders. Alan Baum and Curtis Penn of Dix Hills used clams, keeping over a dozen, releasing over 50. Everyone agreed that heavy chumming with mussel was the key to success. Vincent Guinta of Hicksville fished both Saturday and Sunday, trying Inner Shagwong first, until the winds forced to him to fish Lake Montauk where he returned with about 50 flounder.

On Thursday three generations of fishermen: Bill Haughey, his son Andrew, and his grandson, with Pat O'Sullivan and Jimmy Rafferty fished Tobacco Lot Bay where very large flounder took sandworms.

SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric**, based in **Sag Harbor**, said that flounder have been hot all week at Petty's Bight, with good fishermen putting 40-50 fish in their buckets. On Saturday 60 anglers enjoyed a leap job, getting their "fish fix" early, so that they all were willing to try a couple of drops at Gardiner's Island for BIG flounder. Apparently the area is just about ready to produce, a few flounder over three pounds were put into the boat. The **Wilhelric** will begin its special weakfish trips this Wednesday at 7 p.m. and is scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights also. Reports of good size weakfish caught on hook and line, some to 15 lbs., on

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both private and rental boats, as well as the continued run through the Shinnecock Canal forcast a good spring run of weaks.

Wednesday's strong northwest winds limited fishable areas so Rudy DiMaria, Bill Bassler, Peter Fabrizi, and I set up at Cedar Point. Despite wind conditions, we caught 75 flounder to about 1 1/2 lbs. We had the impression that the area would produce very well, given calm conditions.

This was confirmed by Chris Salb at Bayview Marine & Tackle who told me about Mr. Ristivo's catch of two buckets of flounder from 1-1 1/4 lbs. made on Saturday at Cedar Point. Larger flounder are apparently to the east, with Napeague Harbor a hot spot. A good showing of weakfish was reported on the west side of South Ferry. John Schoen and his friend, both Sag Harbor residents, caught four weaks Sunday morning beginning at 11 a.m. The fish ranged from 8 to 10 lbs. Several marina boats also returned with weaks. Chris told me about white being the color for bluefish on Sunday. White tubes on umbrella rigs trolled at the east end of the South Ferry: white touts meant for weaks, taken by blues. The blues range from 3-5 lbs. and should settle in during the next week or two.

Thom Speckenback reported that weakfish action seemed to slow a bit on Sunday with anglers reporting alot of short hits at the South Race. Those who returned to Speck's Bait & Tackle had weaks of 3-5 lbs., with an occasional 10 pounder. Fish seemed to like squid, worm, and bucktail. Weak action has slowed down in the Shinnecock Canal at the present time. Flounder finally showed up in Shinnecock Bay (three weeks late) however catches included a good number of three pound flatties for anglers fishing the Basket. Thom reported hearing of a few fluke around in Shinnecock Bay. Walter Bohnenberger, John and Carl Licht found the mother lode of flounder in the Fish Factory area of Promised Land. The trio fished the outgoing tide for 148 flounder, top weight 3 1/4 lbs., along with 4 blackfish to 8 lbs.

Bill Stagerwall and his friends found 38 flounder, top weight 3 lbs. 2 ozs. fishing the Basket area of the Shinnecock Canal over the weekend. The group reported a large number of over two pound fish in their catch, signaling the delayed start of the Shinnecock flounder run. Mickey Altenkirch reported a good catch of weakfish made by Tommy Johnson who fished Cow's Neck Thursday using a squid/jelly worm combo. Tom's largest weakfish weighed at Altenkirch & Son at 9 lbs. 2 ozs. Mickey also reported that mackerel seem to have left, gone to Montauk. A few blues were taken in the ocean, a few fluke in the Canal and in Shinnecock Bay.

Larry Manarillo reported very good flounder action in the east channel and the Basket, and heard of a few

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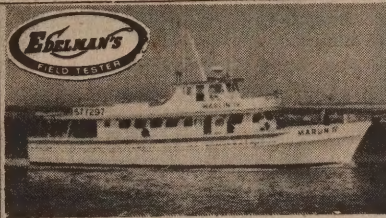
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weak fish in the Peconics. However, the catch of the week on a rental skiff at **Corr's Mariners Cove** appeared to be that made by 3 men who fished the dropoff just in front of the marina's gas docks. There is a drop-off from 4 to 11 feet in this spot. The group used squid with spearing and sand eels for a catch of 44 fluke, all keepers. The group fished five hours, their fish weighed from 1½ to 3 lbs.

Had a call from Joseph Carr who just bought the Best Boatworks, off Little Neck Road near Southampton College and will operate it as a full service boatyard, complete with marina, dockage, fuel, bait, tackle, and ice. The facility is renamed "Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks".

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The South Shore fishing picture underwent some dramatic changes this past week. All were for the better with anglers now facing a choice of flounder, weakfish, fluke, blackfish, sea bass and by the weekend, very likely bluefish. All of the above species were on tap this past weekend with some surprisingly good action provided by flounder, weakfish and fluke.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Flounder fishing has finally rounded into spring form according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station in East Moriches**. The majority of the fish being taken ranged between 1 and 2 pounds with Haven's Point and Hart's Cove producing best on incoming water and Buoys 33-39 best on the Ebb. Some blowfish are mixed with the flounder between buoys 33 and 39. On Friday Kevin and Tom Donnelly and Dom Dellanno put away 90 flatties at Haven's Point. Fishing alone on Saturday, Joe Sander racked up a score of 85 flatties. Gary added that chumming continues to be important, particularly on the flats.

From **L & M Marine Fishing Station in East Moriches** Larry Dellaire reported that the flounder fishing broke loose this past weekend. Fish were taken anywhere from buoys 39 to 45 on worms, mussels and mussel or clam chum. The best score of the weekend belonged to Bruce Lance, Don Goodman and Bob DeRisi. The three anglers worked the shallows

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near Buoy 45 and put away 187 flaties, most in the 1 pound range.

From **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** in **Eastport**, Andy Hegeman reported a good weekend with the flatties. On Friday, Joe Dicesare, Al Norton and Frank Schnabel anchored up 150 yards NE of buoy 42 and picked away to the tune of 58 nice flatties. On Saturday, Rich and Michael Demma, Joseph Riccetene and Dean Stahman caught 48 on the last of the flood north of 42. They used sandworms and mussel chum.

Capt. Harry Dawkins of the charter boat **Frances Anne II**, formerly based at Montauk is now sailing from Center Moriches Bay and out of Moriches Inlet as an open boat. A unique twist to the boat's schedule is that it will include open trips for tuna and shark in waters south of Moriches Inlet. Look for the boat's ad for more info. Harry added that flounder fishing on both Friday and Saturday was excellent. Richie Wolf was high hook with 40 flatties and according to the skipper most of the fish were in the 1 pound class. Fishing both days was done east of Buoy 27.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

One of the season's best weakfish scores was recorded by Rick and Greg Green, Greg's wife Lee and Jim Dickson on Saturday. According to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Pat-chogue**, the four racked up a catch of 9 weaks, none under 10 pounds and the largest 14 pounds, fishing West Channel the first couple of hours of outgoing water. Both sandworms and jellyworms accounted for the fish. A 13 pound tiderunner was also included in the catch. Paul spoke of very good flounder reports coming from wide ranging areas. He checked catches from Moriches Bay, and Ocean Beach in Great South Bay among others.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** came word of the first substantial fluke catch of the spring. Al Colban of J & R teamed with Andy and Howie aboard the Bay Shore private boat 'And How' on Sunday morning. The trio totaled 30 keeper fluke and reported returning another two dozen fish. All were taken on sand eels. Bruce Bandes of the Oakdale Sportsmens Club went looking for mackerel on Saturday. Instead he found a pair of bluefish, two and four pounds respectively. They took jigs meant for mackerel in 75' of water SE of the inlet. Al reported a fair number of weakfish caught over the weekend at West Channel and Ocean Beach. John O'Donnell checked fish of 6½ and 9 pounds on Saturday. He used sandworms in West Channel. Flounder fans enjoyed some of their best fishing since the start of the run this past week. Peter Wasik, Al Wasik

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and Ron Jorgenson corralled 105 flaties at the Sore Thumb on Saturday. Other excellent catches were made on the mussel beds north of Robert Moses State Park and off of the Fire Island Lighthouse. One group of flounder faithful added a new twist to the flounder game. Tony Ruvalo, Tom Walsh, George Hilderbrand and Lou and Andy Esposito put 79 flaties to 2 pounds aboard the 'Tiderunner' on Thursday. The twist to the catch is that the fish were taken at night behind West Island. Coleman lanterns hung over the gunnels proved to be the key to the fishing. According to Al, this was not the first time they have done well on their nighttime exploits.

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Peter Jakits of East Islip fishing aboard his 'Rainbow Runner II' after dark on Sunday, put away weaks of 10 and 10½ pounds using sand and jellyworms. The fish were taken West Channel on outgoing water. Peter noted that he recorded water temperatures as warm as 61 degrees on the last of the outgoing tide Saturday. He also reported having several Jellyworms bit in half by bluefish. Fishing behind West Island (north

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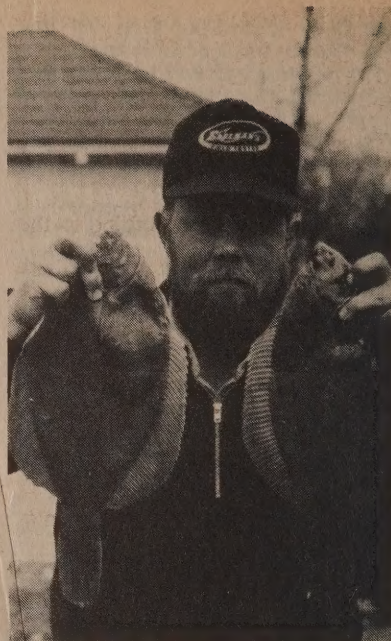
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side) on Friday, Pete and his crew racked up a total of 112 flounder. All were quality fish according to the private boat skipper.

Over at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in Bay Shore reported a number of good fluke scores made on the north side of the Robert Moses Bridge and also in the State Channel near Captree. One boat totaled 15 keepers, others have upwards of a dozen of the newly arrived flatties. Sandeels have been accounting for the early fluke action. Mackerel appear to be about finished with scattered fish reported well to the east. One boat reported running to 140' of water and never even marked a school of fish. A few small blues were caught by boatmen looking for mackerel in 80-90' of water. Of the weakfishing, Carl put a real tiderunner on the scale on Wednesday for Freddie of the Flying Carpet. The Bay Shore Tuna Club member used a sandworm to take the big weak. On Saturday, Roger Fogarty used a sandworm in West Channel to nail a 9½ pound weak. Carl knew of several 3-4 fish catches made between Dickerson's, West Channel and Ocean Beach over the course of the weekend. Blackfish are being taken at Kismet and on the Oak Beach Barge and sea bass are at Kismet and at Ocean Beach. Good flounder fishing was the rule this weekend with a number of good catches reported from the Sore Thumb Pocket and the mussel beds along South Beach.

Capt. Neil Delaney of the Bay Shore open boat **Casey Lee** reported an excellent week with the flounder but added that fluke have made an impressive early showing. Hence he will

making the switch to the summer flatties beginning on Friday, May 17th. On Saturday and Sundays he will add a 4PM fluke trip as well. Of the flounder, Wednesday's trip saw 77 year old Margie Schwab take 23 fish. On Thursday, a regular by the name of Warren accounted for 32. Saturday's fishing was excellent and Sunday's was also very good according to the skipper.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** called it the best fishing of the year with spectacular action on Saturday. He figured fares accounted for over 1600 fish for the two days with approximately 200 fish between 1½ to 2 pounds taken on Saturday. He was back at the dock both days by 2PM. The fishing is centered between Kismet and the Inlet in the deep water. Charlie expects at least another solid week out of the winter flatties before they depart.

Among the weekend catches were Ed Gravicy and his 2 daughters with 59 flatties. Charlie's wife Diane even managed 37 flatties on Sunday. A 2 pounder was included among her catch. Mr. & Mrs. Munz of Hauppauge totaled 57 flatties and Ben Noah of North Babylon had 47 himself including 5 double headers. In addition to the flatties a couple of dozen fluke were mixed among the catches as well.

Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** said that flounder fishing peaked with super action on most trips this week. Twenty to forty fish per man catches were the rule with fishing being done along the Robert Moses Park shore as well as along South Beach east to Kismet. Weakfishing on the other hand got off to a tough start. Friday's first trip drew a blank with a strong SW wind and poor drifting conditions not helping matters any. On Saturday, at least one fare found the right combination. Using a white jellyworm and sandworm combo Dave Borg of Massapequa put away 3 tiderunners to 12 pounds. His fish accounted for the total catch for the boat.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** called the flounder fishing from Wednesday thru Sunday among the best days of the year. Some trips saw catches of 30 fish per man the norm. Saturday's afternoon trip did especially well with many fine individual scores racked up. Fishing is being done at the Lighthouse, West Island and at the Sore Thumb. A few fluke, blowfish and blackfish have been mixed with the flatties. Both tides have been productive and the skipper will continue with the flatties as long as the hot action continues.

A couple of the Captree boats, despite the excellent flounder fishing are making the switch to fluke this week. Some excellent early fluke catches are being made by private boatmen and it looks like the time is right for at least some of the open boat fleet to share in the action. Capt. George Tweedy of the open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** has given up on the

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Capt. Fred Laird of the **Captree** charter boat **Eagle** reminded that he is open for a number of local offshore tournaments. He also has some choice weekend dates remaining on his calendar.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy reported putting a weakfish of 11.2 pounds on the scale for Tom Slatery on Thursday. He also told of a 15 1/2 pound weak weighed at Frank and Dick's Bait Station in the State Channel on Sunday. Artie Orlandi of the shop reported seeing the fish weighed. It was taken in West Channel. Tom also told of quite a few weaks in the 3-5 pound class taken from West Channel Saturday afternoon. Both jellyworms and sandworms are accounting for the fish. The first Babylon Tuna Club bluefish is now a matter of record. Billy Kern fishing aboard the **Borderline** on Saturday decked a 4 1/2 pound chopper while out hunting mackerel. Speaking of mackerel, the only catches reported over the weekend were quite a distance from the inlet. Boats running 160 degrees to 120' of water reported locating some scattered schools of fish. On Sunday Bud and Richie Loman aboard their 'Wet Paint' racked up the first decent fluke score checked at the shop. The pair put away 14 keepers using sandeels near the Robert Moses Bridge. They released another 20 undersized fish. Flounder fishing remained solid over the weekend with good catches reported from the Sore Thumb, South Beach and West Channel. Jack Uhland and his family aboard the 'Jen Jack' put away 45 nice flatties along South Beach on Sunday. Tom reminded that they now have a complete selection of Super Strike plugs including the complete line of Needlefish plugs.

George Stevens of **Babylon Fishing Station** reported a mixture of flounder, blowfish and weakfish being taken in West Channel. On Saturday, Joe Diperrri and his son Chris tallied weaks of 10 1/2 and 7 3/4 pounds on jellyworms. Also on Saturday, Harold Hemmber and his son Mike, along with Peter Campisi counted 14 nice flounder from the same area. Private boats reported the first substantial catches of fluke this weekend in the State Channel and near the R.M. Bridge. George expects next weekend will see some good fluke scores.

A very good week with the flounder according to Capt. Ralph Newbauer of the open boat **Miss Babylon**. Twenty to 25 keepers per man has not been unusual with some doing much better. Artie and Betty Roy counted 50 keepers, most in the 1 pound class for their efforts on Sunday. Ralph is fishing South Beach from Kismet to

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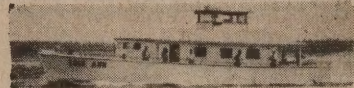
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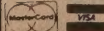
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Robert Moses and reported a good mix of blowfish in with the flatties.

Pretty decent weakfishing according to Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**. On Sunday, Ed Leece and Lou Florio counted 5 weaks as well as 10 fluke for their efforts off of Ocean Beach. The pair drifted plain Salty Dogs on the Ebb tide for both the weaks and fluke. They also told of dropping a big doormat fluke.

On Saturday, John Obedzinski, his 10 year old son Rich and 8 year old Robert totaled 40 nice flounder at the Thumb. Charlie Cannizaro had an impressive mixed bag of flounder, sea bass, blowfish, fluke and blackfish. All were taken Saturday along South Beach. On Friday, Mike told of weighing a 9 pound blackfish caught near the old Lighthouse by a flounder fisherman.

From **Z Crab Tackle in Copague**, Ralph Angelillo recorded another impressive early fluke score. On Sunday, Bill and Joe Biscardi counted 40 keeper fluke taken on spearing. The pair did not specify where they took the fish. On Friday, Ralph sent Reed and Glen Rankin to buoy 13 with a can of bunker chum and a pack of squid in search of sea bass. Some impressive bass were taken from this area on prior days. Instead the pair returned with a 12 pound weakfish which gobbled a squid strip. They did manage a few sea bass as well. Speaking of weaks, Al Speehr used Jellyworms in West Channel to take fish of 8 and 6 pounds on Sunday. George Mills and Ken Smetzer worked the abutments of the R.M. Bridge on Sunday. Their fiddler crab baits accounted for 30 blacks up to 3 pounds. The only mackerel catch reported on the weekend was 30 fish taken aboard the "Big Deal". Ralph noted that they had to run a long way for the fish and figured mackerel in this area are now history.

Richie Kopp of Amityville, fishing with Tom Schuebart aboard the latter's Boston Whaler on Sunday used a white bucktail/jellyworm combo to take a 10 pound weak at Ocean



Jack Sullivan poses with the \$500 check he received from the Hudson River Foundation for a returned striper tag. Photo courtesy of Skippy's Tackle Shop in East Rockaway.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . -0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		BREAKWATER HARBOR		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETTS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THURS.	6:25	6:45	7:20	7:40	7:05	7:30	8:10	8:25	10:40	10:55	10:00	10:15	6:15	6:35	5/16
FRI.	7:05	7:25	8:00	8:15	7:50	8:05	8:45	9:00	11:20	11:30	10:40	10:50	6:55	7:15	5/17
SAT.	7:45	8:00	8:40	8:50	7:25	8:40	9:25	9:30	11:55	11:50	11:15	11:25	7:55	7:55	5/18
SUN.	8:25	8:35	9:15	9:25	9:05	9:15	10:00	10:05	—	12:25	11:55	—	8:15	8:30	5/19
MON.	9:00	9:10	9:50	10:00	9:40	9:45	10:35	10:40	12:05	12:45	12:00	12:35	8:55	9:10	5/20
TUES.	9:40	9:40	10:25	10:40	10:20	10:15	11:15	11:15	12:30	1:05	12:35	1:10	9:35	9:50	5/21
WED.	10:20	10:20	11:05	11:20	10:55	10:50	11:55	11:55	1:00	1:35	1:15	1:50	10:20	10:30	5/22
THURS.	11:00	11:05	11:50	—	11:45	11:35	12:40	12:35	1:40	2:15	1:55	2:30	11:00	11:15	5/23

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	-0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	-0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	-0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	-0 12
Seaside Park	-0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	-0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	-0 02
Rehoboth Beach	-0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
Democrat Point	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00

Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42
Falkner Island	-0 13
Sachem Head	-0 10
Branford Harbor	-0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	-0 08
Milford Harbor	-0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	-0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	-0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	-0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	-0 14
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point, north side	-1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	-0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	-0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	-0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10

Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28
Port Chester	-0 09
Mamaroneck	-0 08
New Rochelle	-0 24
Davids Island	-0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	-0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	-0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	-1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	-0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	-0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	-0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/16	5:39	8:14
FRI. 5/17	5:38	8:15
SAT. 5/18	5:37	8:16
SUN. 5/19	5:36	8:17
MON. 5/20	5:35	8:18
TUE. 5/21	5:34	8:19
WED. 5/22	5:33	8:20

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/16	4:12AM	5:09PM
FRI. 5/17	4:32AM	6:09PM
SAT. 5/18	4:55AM	7:11PM
SUN. 5/19	5:21AM	8:14PM
MON. 5/20	5:51AM	9:17PM
TUE. 5/21	6:28AM	10:18PM
WED. 5/22	7:13AM	11:15PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
5/19	5/27	6/3	6/10

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	3:10	9:10	3:30	9:30
Fri.	3:45	9:50	4:00	10:10
Sat.	4:25	10:25	4:35	10:50
Sun.	5:05	11:05	5:15	11:30
Mon.	5:45	11:55	6:05	—
Tues.	6:35	12:20	7:00	12:50
Wed.	7:30	1:20	8:00	1:45
Thurs.	8:30	2:20	9:00	2:45

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Beach. The pair reported seeing another angler with 5 weeks taken prior to their arrival. The fish were apparently taken during the early part of the ebb.

Bob Vitale, speaking from Bob's Bait and Tackle in Amity Harbor reported checking over several fine catches of flatties made at the Lighthouse and the Sore Thumb in recent days. On Saturday, Fred Walters and his crew aboard the 'Reel Affair' put away nearly 100 fish using worms and mussel chum. Several anglers

reported taking fluke in the State Channel and at the Inlet with a surprising number of keepers making up the catches. On Friday, Ed Unkel aboard his 'Tin Man' put away a pail of sea bass at buoy 13, Ocean Beach using worms and clams. Joe Dantano of Lindenhurst used a cyalume rig jellyworm to take a 12½ pound weak in West Channel on a night tide this week. Tom Alvarano of Copiague journeyed only as far as the Lindenhurst cut to take 4 weeks.

From Edelman's in Farmingdale,

Frank Pristera reported a catch of 4 weeks to 10 pounds for Tom Boylan and Fred Lager. The pair used red jellyworms to take the fish in West Channel late Sunday.

Flounder fishing was very good on the weekend with customers reporting good catches from the Sore Thumb as well as the Lindenhurst Cut. Mackerel are now scattered and have moved well to the east. Blackfish are now at all the bridges and reefs with some sea bass mixed with them.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Flounder were absolutely super this week right through Sunday with sizes continuing to astound. Very good blackfishing was had by those indulging at bridges and local wrecks. Fluke have increased a little bit over last week but is still in the building stages with roughly a 50 percent keeper ratio. We are starting to hear about the first appearances of bluefish up to 6 pounds being jigged, trolled or baited.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Out of Seaford the open boat **Chinco III** told of a very good flounder week with high hooks in the 40s each weekday. On Tuesday Bill Mackie had a good catch of 68 nice keepers. Saturday's half day trip saw excellent fishing with high hooks in the 30s. Ed Weiss grabbed the pool Saturday with a 3 lb. 4 oz. flounder. On Sunday things really broke loose. Mark and Dom Pagnozzi had 120 flounder while Julie and Al Brey had 82. Marty stoll bagged 52, Ken Merkle, 45, Steve Goldson, 72 and Mr. Keil 111. The 36 fares on Sunday's trip had over 2,000 flounder, most of which were over 1 1/2 lbs. These fish have been on the flats all spring and the warmer waters are causing them to move now into the deeps. This coming week said Capt. Brian should be the best of the year.

A call from **Pop's Fishing Station** told of floundering great through the weekend, best on incoming water using worm and mussel and chumming heavily. The larger fish are here now said John averaging 3/4 to a 1 with lots of 2 to 3 lbs. Blacks, blows eels, and fluke are all showing. Mr. Reynolds and two pals had 200 flounder. John Kearny, Scott Carlson and John Moores bagged 107 flatties. All skiff rental customers had very good catches all through the week with the western side of the Wantagh bridges best.

Tons of fish was the comment out of **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station**. Frank Dorsea and Chuck Finuca totaled 240 flounder Sunday working the west side of the 3rd Wantagh with 45 of these fish being over 2 lbs. Fast action. Worms and chum were the ticket and most fish ran 1 to 3 lbs. Smaller fish are being caught in Masspequa Cove and a few fluke are being picked at Squaw, some keepers, some midgets.

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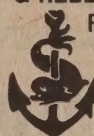
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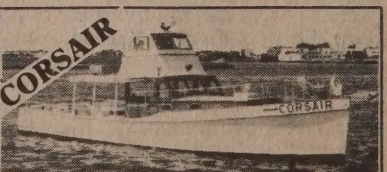
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Over at **Wanser's Tackle** Lon told of lots of flounder caught all week long at Squaw and West islands, with Squaw producing 130 good flounder on Sunday on an outgoing tide with lots of chum for Mike Schwarz and Mike Solomon. Saturday saw Bill Keil of Massapequa with 85 fish he caught himself up to 2½ lbs. fishing between the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges. Blackfishing very good at the bridges on fiddlers with some fluke at the inlet on the flood.

Over in Wantagh, Mike at **causeway Bait and Tackle** called the floundering fantastic this week with this being the best weekend of the year. Best action for his customers was at the 3rd Wantagh, State Channel west of the Jones Beach Piers, Squaw Island, CG Station and 4 Corners. Ebb tide was the best with bloods as hook bait and chumming a help but not a necessity. Joe had 56 to 2 lbs. on worms while Mike Appice Sr. and Jr. totaled 50 flatties to 1½ lbs. in the State Channel on bloods and no chum. Jim Paladino had 98 flounder to 1½ lbs. working the third Wantagh on the ebb. The Jones Beach piers produced very well, roughly 10 to 12 keepers a man on the flounder. Brad Heenan was happy with 25 flounder he took on the ebb Saturday while Artie and Buddy hoisted 60. Blackfishing increased at the third Wantagh with specimens to 4 lbs. on fiddlers. On Friday and Saturday Wayne Chin had a total of 75 blackfish to 4 lbs. Mike has heard rumors of weaks in Jones Inlet at night and has also heard of blues in the area.

From **Garon's Tackle** in Merrick, Gary tells us that the best flounder action locally for his customers has been at high slack at the Meadowbrook Bridge and a lot of big blackfish there too when the tide starts to move. About a 50-50 keeper ratio of early season fluke in Reynolds.

Moving over to Freeport, a call through the marine operator from the **Miss Freeport II** told of Monday's 2½ lb. pool winner for Mike Miller of the 83rd Precinct Detectives, Brooklyn, along with 19 other flounder. On Wednesday, Steve, Chopper and Lewis of Unknown Deli, Flushing, combined forces to gather 109 flounder. Fran Adkins of Massapequa had a 1½ lb. pool winner along with 27 other flounder. On Sunday Joe, Vinnie, Jeanette and Cathy all of Horsefeathers Bar, Seaford, gathered up 190 flounder on an AM tide, with Joe taking the pool with a 2¼ lb. This was all local action said the skipper and he said that as of Memorial Day the boat will be sailing two trips every day.

We hear from skipper Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** of a super duper flounder week. On Tuesday Tom Motz and Ray Bilar tallied up 107 flounder while Lou Sharop had 52 and John Savko, 44. Wednesday saw Len Infranco, Woodside, with 55, Philip Riviera of Bellrose with 47, Beverly Alper of Massapequa with 43 and

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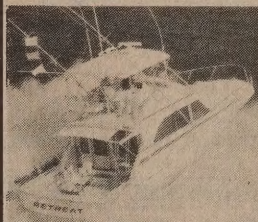


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Tom Annieto with 41 flatties including a 2½ lb. pool winner. On Thursday Pat Parulo of Douglaston had 41, Herb Schwarz 56, Young Kim 58 and Vic Levenson 40. Saturday was super with all big fish to three pounds. J. Shabarani, 46, Walt Cooper of Westbury 44, the Baglevi family of Bayside 130. On Sunday 30 fares had over 1300 flounder to 3 lbs. Tony and Maria Lopez had 150, Paul Nyitray of Franklin Square 67, Dan Borisck, wife and son had 150. Ron and Jeanette Piecyk, Ozone Park, 90. The half day boat also did well this week. A notable catch was Sam from Sea Isle taking high hook honors for the week with 45 flatties. Fishing was all local on worms with outgoing water best.

Word from the charter boat **Lady J III** was of good floundering all week long except for a slow period Friday afternoon when the wind howled. All fish have been good sized, pools going from 2 to 2½ lbs. on worm, clam and chum. Thursday's trip was for the Port Authority police, Friday's for the 42nd Precinct, Bronx and Saturday's charter for Pfizer Drug Company, Brooklyn.

We hear from the **Capt. Gary II** about Monday's trip for the Elmhurst, NYPD with a 2½ lb. pool fish for Ken Kearns, high hook honors for Ron Ryan with 27 flounder and 7 flounder for 8-year-old Denny Gilroy. Friday's trip for the Emerald Society, Housing Police saw Terry Dauehter with a high hook of 40 fish. The pool went to Kevin Rod with a 2¾ lber. Saturday's trip for Warren Lach and pals saw Warren with the most fish, 32 and Jerry Roden coping the pool with a 2½ lber. Sunday's high hook was 107 flounder. This was Young Kim and group and Young was high hook and also had the pool fish of 2¾ lbs. A super day. Nick Mondes had 64 fish. Worm, mussel and clam all caught.

Captain **Richie Kessinger's Starstream II** is now hitting local wrecks and favorite bottom for mixed catches of ling, blacks and sea bass. Catches have been mainly ling this weekend and two blues were also taken Saturday.

A call from the charter boat **Captain Joe** told of Saturday's local offshore charter for the Syska and Hennessey Company group led by Robert Wagener. They had a mixed catch of blackfish, whiting, ling and huge sea bass up to 5 lbs.

We learn from **Ronnie Bauer** at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** of super flounder all week at the Wantagh bridges, CG and Swift Creek on all tides. Fish have been counted by the bucket, said Ronnie. Worms have been the best with chumming a must. A LOT of fish. A lot of small fluke coming in right now at Jones with a few keepers mixed in. Blackfish at the bridges and local wrecks, along with some sea bass and ling. He also reminds those interested about the Hudson Anglers shark tournament which will be held June 22nd. Call Hudson Point for information and details.

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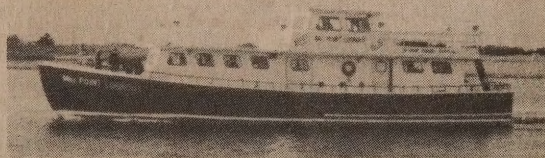
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We learn from Bob at the **Freeport Boatmens Association** that the **Super Spray II** has been having excellent flounder and good fluke catches. On Friday Jack Wolfard of Oceanside had 10 keeper fluke. On Saturday Marcos Flores bagged a 6 lb. blackfish while Kevin Tivere put away 9 keeper fluke. The Association charter boats have been loading up everyday on flounder anywhere from 200 to 300 per trip. The fish are thick.

In nearby Point Lookout, we hear from Captain Ron Murray of the **Miss Point Lookout** of an excellent week of flounder action. Wednesday saw Tony Valani with 30 and Earl French with

20. High hooks have been ranging from 25 to 35 each trip. The fish are large, lively and on the move. Al Stevens on Sunday AM had 26 flatties in the first hour. The pool on that trip went to Nadja Napolitano with a 2 3/4 lb. Ron says it looks like a super week ahead. Best action was Swift Creek, off the CG station and Reynolds with worms on the last of the ebb producing best.

The **Capt. Al** has switched over to sea bass, blacks and ling, sailing 6:30 AM daily. The fishing was very good Sunday with a lot of ling being caught by all fares along with some sea bass to 5 lbs. The PM flounder trips were

very strong on the weekend.

We hear from Capt. Dennis of the c charter boat **Marie III** that Saturday's trip for Bernadette Klein had good flounder action fishing the CG station, Short Beach, Big M and the Pt. Lookout piers using worm and mussel for fish 1 to 1 3/4 lbs. Catches averaged 20 to 30 good fish a man. Three fish were over 2 lbs. and there were blackfish and blowfish mixed in. Saturday's trip in the PM saw over 100 flounder caught for 10 people in 3 hours off Short Beach. They also had a 4 1/2 lb. black in front of the CG station. Sunday's family crew trip fished the CG station and Meadowbrook with 5

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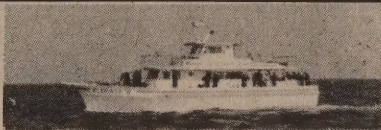
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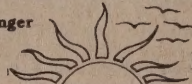
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people bailing over 200 flounder from 1 to 2 lbs. returning anything under a pound, using mussel and worm. This was the best weekend of the year, said the skipper.

Eileen at **Ed's Fishing Station** also told of a very good weekend with fluke starting but nothing to rave about yet. Both flounder and blackfish a good item at the Big M. Steve Koretz and Mike Colycei of Mineola bagged 17 keeper fluke in Reynolds Friday using sand eels and squid. Joe Moran and Dave Mejia had 10 blackfish at the Big M along with 20 flounder taken in the flats. Al Goldfarb had a 3 lb. 4 oz. flounder which he caught at Duck Point on blood worm. A 2 lb. 12 oz. flattie was taken at the Big M by Bob Calandro. John and Lester Pine of Queens had 28 flounder on mussels and bloods.

From **Scotty's Fishing Station** we're told of good flounder activity between the CG and the Big M along with Swift and Reynolds from buoys 16 to 20. Stan Wojinski hefted 10 blackfish all over 2 lbs. at the Big M on fiddlers. Bruce Lauten, Bart Russo and Joe DeLuca brought up 16 flounder from 1½ to 2 lbs. at buoy 17 in Reynolds. Fluking on the upswing in Sloop Channel on killies and sand eels with a few larger fish now being picked.

We hear from Captain Clem of the **Commodore** out of Island Park of a good flounder week. Friday saw Mike Crotone with 24 flounder plus the pool. On John Glaser had 29, Don Thompson 24. Sunday saw Tom Mistretta with 29, Rich Reinhard 23, Walt Silver 33, Mike and Steve Karcheasky, 65. All fish were taken in Reynolds channel and all were good sized. Starting this week Clem will be fishing flounder part of the day and fluke part of the day.

Over in Lynbrook Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** tell of pier fishermen Charlie Bauer and Pete Forgone of Bayside with the 89 good flounder they caught Friday on incoming tide off the Pt. Lookout Pier, a spot that has been hot for the last three weeks. Mussels and sand worms fill the bill and fish ran ¾ to 1½ lbs. Ann and Tom Bush on Saturday had 67 flounder to 1½ lbs. Mussels, clam and lots of chum were used. They fished the flats east of the Meadowbrook bridge on the north bank. Good blackfishing at the bridges on fiddlers.

From **Long Beach Boat Rentals** we hear it was flounder, fluke and blacks on the weekend, all in good numbers. Flounder sizes have really gone up. Lou Ianello had 27 from 1½ to 2¾ lbs. all by himself using mussels and chumming heavily at buoy 5. The skiff rentals are averaging 10 to 15 good flounder a boat in the 1 to 2 lb. range. Blackfishing has been excellent at the ABB on fiddlers with fish up to 9 lbs. Fluke have started in Reynolds. Gary Sensor had 4 keeper fluke and 8 mid-gets at buoy 3.

Out of Atlantic Beach Capt. Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** called to say he has finished his flounder and

mackerel trips for now and will shortly be starting running his striped bass and weakfish charters. See ad for details.

From **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station**, Al tells of great flounder activity east of the ABB and off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club on worms and also all up and down the south side of Reynolds. Al also told of some mixed fluke coming in now. Very good blackfishing at the ABB and Silver Pt. Jetty on fiddlers.

NEW YORK BIGHT

At **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in East Rockaway we hear of the best flounder action of the year so far happening in Reynolds Channel and along the docks in th Atlantic Beach area. The fish are definitely off the flats now and in the deeper water. Skip also told of a lot of blackfish at the bridges on fiddlers and green carb with fluke starting to show and blues moving up into the area rapidly.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay we learn in a call from the **Elsie K III** of excellent flounder catches just one mile south of their jetty with high hooks each trip in the 40s to 50s. Fish are averaging 1½ lbs. with lots of 2 and 2½ lbers. mixed in. Thursday through Sunday were the best days of the season so far on any moving water. Fish were biting like crazy said skipper Tom Palladino with mussel and worm as hook bait. Heavy action, best on the East Coast now. On the



LIF subscriber Jim Moriarty of Huntington used a bunker chunk to put this 24½ lb. striper aboard his boat, **Cast Off**. Scene of the action was Eaton's Neck.

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Captain Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** said now that the mackerel have moved too far to the east, his fares have been loading up the last few days on ling with a lot of blues mixed in from 3 to 7 lbs. Al says he will probably be bluefishing by the weekend, but to please call before coming down to make sure.

It's been excellent blackfishing, said Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II** with blacks going from 1 to 7 lbs., ling have been running 2 to 3 lbs., and sea bass are starting 1 to 1½ lbs. Catches have been excellent all week, working Jersey hotspots.

A call from the open boat **Zephyr** passed the word of very good flounder catches southeast and SW of the Breezy Point Jetty about a mile with catches averaging 25 to 50 fish a man. Saturday was the best of the year with even first times having upwards of 30 fish all ¾ to 3 lbs. Sunday took a "dip" to an average of 12 to 25 flounder a person, fish to 2½ lbs. with a few blows, fluke and sea robins mixed in.

From **Stella Maris Tackle** just east of the fleet, Sal told of good flounder catches in Jamaica Bay, Manhattan Beach, off Coney Island, the jetty and at the roundhouse. He also told of lots of blackfish in the same areas. Fluke are now starting to be caught at the jetty and Coney Island areas with bluefish just starting to be picked here and there. The macks are gone from the area. Whiting and ling have been strong at Ambrose and Scotland.

A call from Captain Mike of the charter boat **DayBreaker** told of the very good local blackfishing he's been having on some of his pet pieces with fish getting bigger as the days progressed this week using green crab. Mike also passed on word of the first school of blues to enter the area which has been chasing anchovies.

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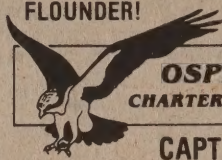
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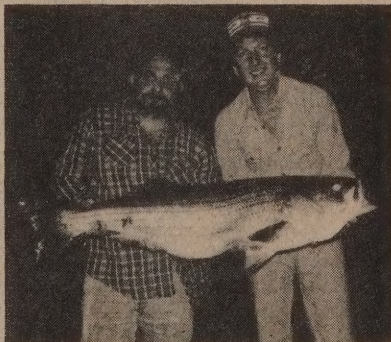
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and Pea Island. Many of the fish were in the 2 to 5 lb. class and one 10 lb. was weighed by John DiCuffa. Some large flounder were also taken from rocky areas in shallow water. Although neither the **North Star** nor the **Apache** were zeroing in on tautog just yet, they did have some hefty pool winners including a 9-6 and a 9-9 among their mixed bags.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** out of New Rochelle will be starting on mackerel this week, probably heading up to the Smithtown area. He found the blackfish and flounder last week to be "passable, but not red hot" and reminds us that the biggest of the flatfish will come later from the Norwalk Islands.

Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport** weighed the shop's largest tautog of the season for Meyer Loose, a 9-14, and also reported a catch of 3 nice fish to 6½ lbs. for Norie Gumbrecht. Moving water is best off the beaches and there are bass all over the area, too. One 1-6 flounder was weighed at the shop Saturday.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** weighed the first area porgy of the season, a strapping 1-2 scup. Valentine is selling enough Rebels, Bombers, and droppers to convince him that there is bass and weakfish action imminent at Lloyds. Lots of short bass have been trolled off Cold Spring Harbor, the mouth of Huntington Inlet and Marshall Field. Mackerel fishing in the mid-Sound and in Smithtown Bay north of the Golf Course is at best a "touchy" situation. Bob Cedar at Huntington Prop said that there were some nice tautog off Callahans, off Target Rock and the Centerport dock. Eatons and Crab Meadow were also suggested. Flounder fishing remains good off Asharoken and in Northport Bay. Small flounder are still abundant off local docks.

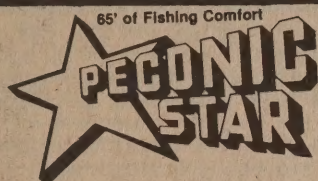
Billy Collins' **Ever Ready** has been working flatties in the 3/4 to 1¼ lb. class along with blackfish. Pool blacks are often 6 lbs. or more and an occasional flattie to 2 lbs. is reported. Fishing has been a steady pick on Friday, Saturday and Sunday trips.

My Yacht II reported good catches of flounder east of Shoreham and off Rocky Point. Harry Lagerman's party had 45 fine flatties from 1 lb. to 2-6, and Captain Frank Ingargiola told us that Saturday's water temperatures had jumped to 52 degrees.

Eileen Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport Shop** spoke of a number of good mackerel catches around Sand City on Saturday. A haul of 12 tautog to 5-8 was taken off Asharoken on worms, and Bill Hecht's **Happy Hooker** managed 25 flounder from 1½ to 2 lbs. off the Nissequogue Pipe.

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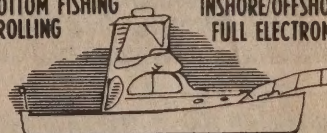
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Sinai reported a few mackerel, catches of around 15 fish, off buoys 11 and 9. Ralph Davenport said that flounder action was pretty good, although not at the peak that Davenport himself enjoyed a few weeks ago when he had 5 fish that weighed over 3 lbs. in a superb catch. The Shoreham beaches had tautog already.

Bill Crownover at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that blackfishing was spotty with flounder action better to the east. Mackerel searchers were advised to try buoy 11 toward the Middle Grounds and the zone from

Cranes northwest to the middle of Smithtown Bay in 150 feet of water. Four days of fine bass action on 18 to 22 inch throwbacks was also mentioned.

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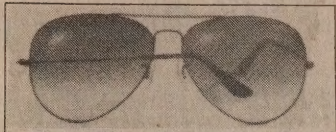
A pick of weakfish, many of which are small fish, was reported from the South Race and Jessups by several sources. About 70 percent of all boats were successful at the bottom of the

ebb on the weekend. Sal Loria told us that the best catch on the Bay was reported by Joe Previtel and John Harsemovich who hit the top and bottom of the tide and fished a long day Saturday in the South Race between buoys 28 and 30. They wound up with 11 tiderunners to 10 lbs. along with a 7½ lb. tautog. Weaks were taken on yellow bucktails, white and red Mr. Twister plastics and no squid. John Cameron's boat had the next best catch of the weekend, 5 tiderunners from 4 to 12 lbs. on Sunday. The first bluefish

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and the first porgies were also in the report from the New Suffolk livery. Buoy 30 produced 18 scup, some of which were over 2 lbs. Out of 24 boats fishing over the weekend, only 7 were skunked on weakfish catches.

Ed Kopack at Warrens has already sold 71 tickets for the Peconic Tourney this weekend and he figures that the weekend will be prime for both blues and weaks. Dot Bogdan had the biggest tiderunner of the week, a 9-12 and there were a number of 3 and 4 pounders reported by other successful anglers.

Ace Cottral at the Port of Egypt had a high catch of 4 weaks in one boat on Saturday off the Jessups zone and he felt that all the boats that fished both ends of the tides had 1 or 2 weaks. Bluefish interfered with weakfish catches severely on Sunday. Ace felt that the Middle Grounds is worth a shot for porgies and yes, there was even a fluke reported as well.

One boat that got away from the robins on Sunday was Bob Ceglowski's Captain Bob which managed about 15 flounder per head average for a party of 22 from Twin Harps, Lynbrook on Saturday. Flaties were in the 1 1/4 to 2 1/2 pound range. This catch was made in clear warm water, 28 feet deep and east of the Motel: it was in sharp contrast to the struggle



Marie Raycroft of the Lady Reelers Fishing Club stands alongside the trophy tautog she decked near Little Gull Island last October. The big black checked in at 14 lbs. 2 oz. on the scale at A.P. White Bait Shop in Greenport.

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to get about 50 fish for 17 anglers on Thursday from zones west of Mattituck Inlet. It will be recalled that Sound temperatures had nosedived 5 degrees in 3 days of north and east winds, and water close to the beaches were filthy. There is no beating the old adage on the Sound "wait the 3 days after a blow!"

Th Sound scene around Mattituck has been dominated by early sea robins. Maureen Carafitis at the Mattituck Fishing Station says that you either have to get away from them or learn to fillet them. Some good sized tautog have already been reported from Northville.

Art White at the A.P. White Bait Shop said that the bay was loaded with 2-3 lb. bluefish, but he expressed concern about the low numbers of weakfish in trap reports. Bostick had

a few big flounder, but one of the best places to compromise between quality and quantity was Bens Point.

Rod DeLisle of the Prowler put Roosevelt Brooks' party of 6 into more than 20 flatties per head on Saturday. Flounder ranged from 1 to 1 3/4 lbs. On Friday, a group from the Trot-Inn managed about 15 fish per head in the same area.

Larry Ciccotto and Clark Bellows of the Prime Time III from Orient gave us the report on big numbers of 3/4 to 1 1/4 lb. flounder off Pettys Bight in 55 feet of water. Average catches run 15 to 20 per fare, but some groups like Lou Schweikert, Paul Silverman and Hal Glick managed 30 per person. Dan Buckley of the Nancy Ann II was working the same body of fish and said that there were a couple of pools won by 2 pounders. Buckley expects

to be shifting to Gardiner's for the big flounder this week and Bellows will be there by week's end.

John Rainis of the Blue Albatross got the Bluebird Anglers party of 16 out for a big haul of flounder on Saturday. John is feeling better now and will be sailing himself on a day-to-day basis. Anna May invites the regulars to call a day ahead if they can on 765-3101. Richie Jensen on the Nancy Ann got a good shot at Pettys for Kohler Plumbers family outing.

Capt. Dave Brennan of the Greenport based Peconic Star reported super quantities of mixed sized flaties on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday's trips around Orient. The skipper has been fishing in Petty's Bight and also between the first and second traps at Orient. A radio report from Richie Jensen Monday morning

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indicated some hot action on the way at Gardiners.

Freshwater REPORT with Tom Schlichter

Freshwater anglers enjoyed one of their best weeks of the young season with pickerel, catfish, and trout especially cooperative. Bass fishing remained steady and panfish action seems to be swinging into full gear as the fish begin to get up on their spawning beds.

Bill Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in Lynbrook was happy to report that this week saw Hempstead Lake come alive. Mitchell Pollack of Long Beach fished the shallow lake on Wednesday taking four bass to 4 lbs. On Thursday, he got two more. Mr. Twister and Mepps lures did the trick. Bob Martino and Don Bedell of West Hempstead also tried their luck at Hempstead Lake this week and clicked with a mess of catfish to 1 1/2 lbs., lots of yellow perch, a 20" pickerel, and six bass up to 2 lbs. Over at Belmont Lake, Billy Beckman Jr. took three pickerel to 20" on a small rebel plug.

Mike Nicoletti, of **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh, reports that crappie action in the Twin Lakes has declined in recent days and although pickerel fishing has been good, the size of the fish being taken has decreased somewhat. Bob and Jim had nine pickerel up to 2 1/2 lbs. between them this week and three bass to 2 lbs. Mike also spoke of two regulars who fished the Mill Pond for carp taking fish of 7, 10, 11, and 13 lbs. on corn baits.

From **Edelman's Sport Shop** in Farmingdale, Fred Laager said that he had the chance to get out on

Carman's River this week where he caught and released several trout including a 16" brownie. Most of the fish fell for small (#22) black ant flies but the brown took a #16 dark Cahill. Fred also mentioned that Larry Parks fished Lake Ronkonkoma taking three bass to 3 lbs. on a gold junebug spinner trailing a purple rubber worm.

At Augies Bait and Tackle in Babylon, word from Tom Healy was that Bob Pracher and Gary Clark really took advantage of the fast trout fishing in the Connetquot River this Saturday. Together, they totaled 40 fish to 3 lbs. Best bait was a wooly worm fly.

A call to Gill Bergen of Connetquot River State Park revealed that anglers fishing there had few complaints this week. Quite a few large fish were taken, especially on Saturday when a 7 lb. brown was pulled from site #22 and a 5 lb. rainbow was taken from site #24.

Rod DiGiacomo of **J & R Sport Center in Oakdale**, confirmed the fast action in the park adding that yellow maribou muddlers or black wooly worms were the most productive flies. Mike Schlatmann took 20 trout between 11-20" on Sunday from the main pond while Ed Kohler managed 15 brookies to 17". Pat Kessler of Levittown also stopped by the shop this week to show off the 3 lb. 4 oz. pickerel that he took from Great Pond in Southold.

Across the Island in Caleb Smith State Park on the Nissequogue River, anglers saw fast action with rainbow trout. Largest bow of the week went 20" but the catch of the week had to



Eleven-year-old Martin McMahon caught this fine largemouth in Swardout Lake, upstate New York. The young Ronkonkoma angler released the fish shortly after this photo was snapped. Subscriber photo.

be 14 year old Anthony Mangini's 18 inch rainbow.

Over at **J & J Bait and Tackle Shop in Patchogue**, John was pleased to report that he weighed in the biggest pickerel of the season to date. Art Krsnak was the lucky angler and the big fish went 5 lbs. 4 oz. and was taken on a sassy shad lure from a lake "out east". Another outstanding catch was a 20" bullhead caught by twelve year old Chris Bollisimo of East Patchogue. Chris took the fish from the Mill Pond on a worm bait. John also mentioned that panfishing has been good of late, especially in the Mill Pond where Charles Mosely has been using killies to do a bang up job on crappies and pickerel.

"Everybody caught some fish this week" according to George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli in Riverhead**. Among the better catches were eight bass to 3 lbs. taken from the Peconic River by Sal Spuches and friend. Sunday saw Victor Zagorski take three bass, four pickerel, and two crappies from Forge Pond and Paul Rubenstein also cashed in on the action with four nice largemouths. George also asked me to let you know that there are plenty of panfish waiting for those of you who enjoy fishing for sunnies, perch, and crappies.

Lastly, Joe Moldashel, tournament director of the Long Island Bassmasters Fishing Club asked me to pass on the results of last weeks panfish derby held at Lake Ronkonkoma. The winning team, with a total of 8 lbs. 6 ozs. of fish was Thom Carney and his partner Jennie. The biggest fish of the day was caught by the team of T.J. Carney and Eric Fieldstadt.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

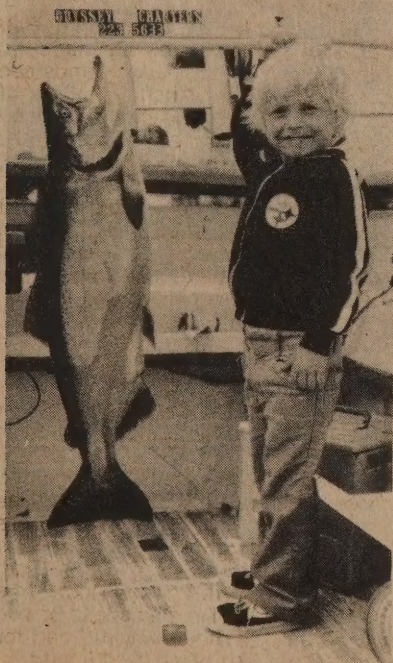
Aside from a few scattered weakfish catches, school bass seem to be the only saving grace for surfmen at this early point in the season. Most have been shorts ranging between 18 and 22 inches. The weakfish picture should improve over the next week or two. Look for the backsides of the inlets and some North Shore beaches, Caumsett and Sunken Meadow among them, to begin producing a few fish. Also, bluefish made their earliest appearance in many years (the first reported boat catches were recorded the last week of April) and could surprise casters working south shore inlets by this weekend.

Among the reports that did filter in was one from Ralph Betschart. Teaming with George Davie and Nick Schiralli, the trio caught and released 10 bass from 18-22 inches, along with a half dozen shad at Sunken Meadow Thursday evening. Returning on Friday, Ralph and George took four more bass. An assortment of 007 jigs with yellow tubes and 5½ inch Redfins and Hellcats with Red Gill dropers accounted for the fish on outgoing water.

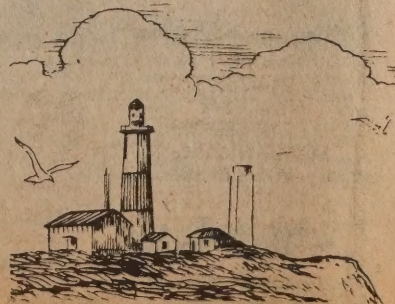
Working the beach east of Lilco's Northport plant Thursday evening, John Durante used 4½ inch Rebels to take 4 school bass up to 20". All were released.

Despite being under the 24" minimum size limit, the 22" striper caught by Dr. Phil Ragone Thursday evening at Democrat Point was a significant one. It was the Doctor's first bass ever. The doctor reported no word of any weakfish action up to that time and added that he saw one other angler land a short bass as well.

Late Flash! Just as we were going to press, I received a report from Tom Prisco and his partner Jim. Fishing the Silver Point Jetty at Atlantic Beach Friday night, the pair used Rebel plugs to take 10 blues between 8 and 10 pounds. Tom noted that all the fish were glutted with squid. This marks the first surf caught blues of the season to come to our attention.



A proud young angler with his 24 lb. king salmon taken from Lake Ontario with Captain Bill Johnson of Odyssey Charters.

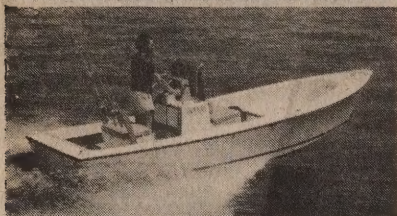


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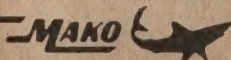
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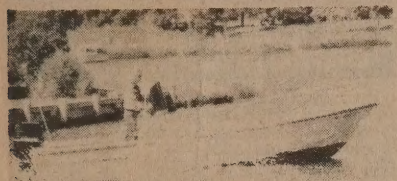


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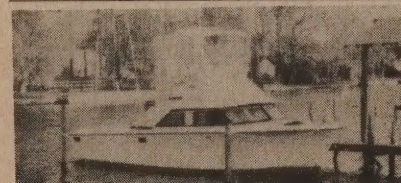
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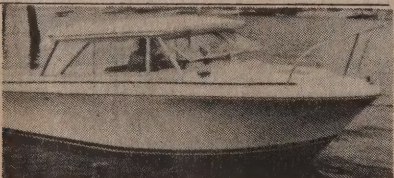
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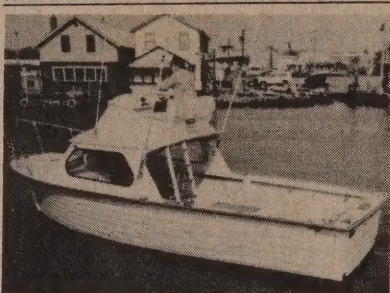
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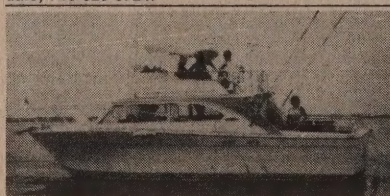
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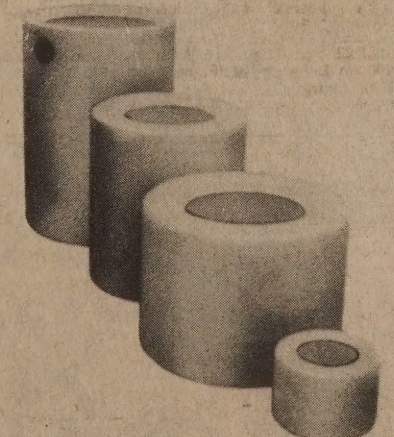
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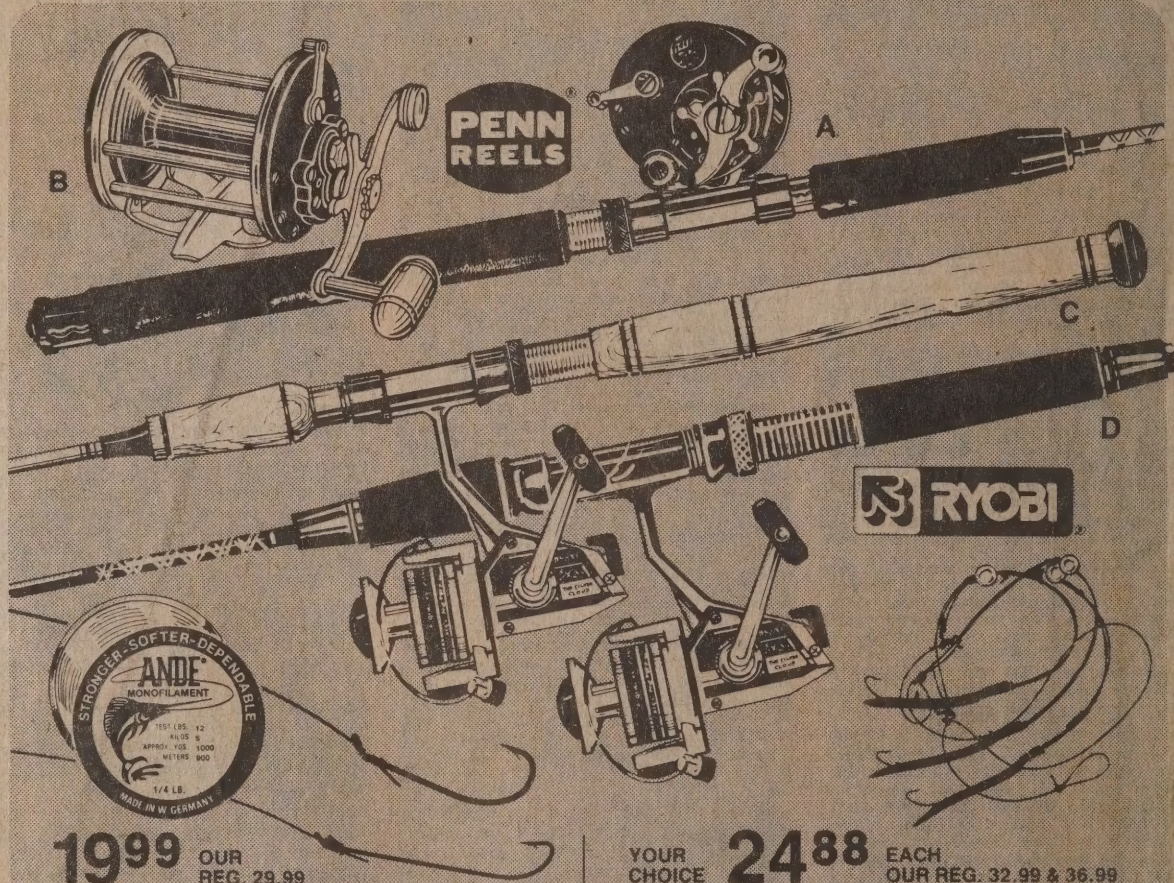
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